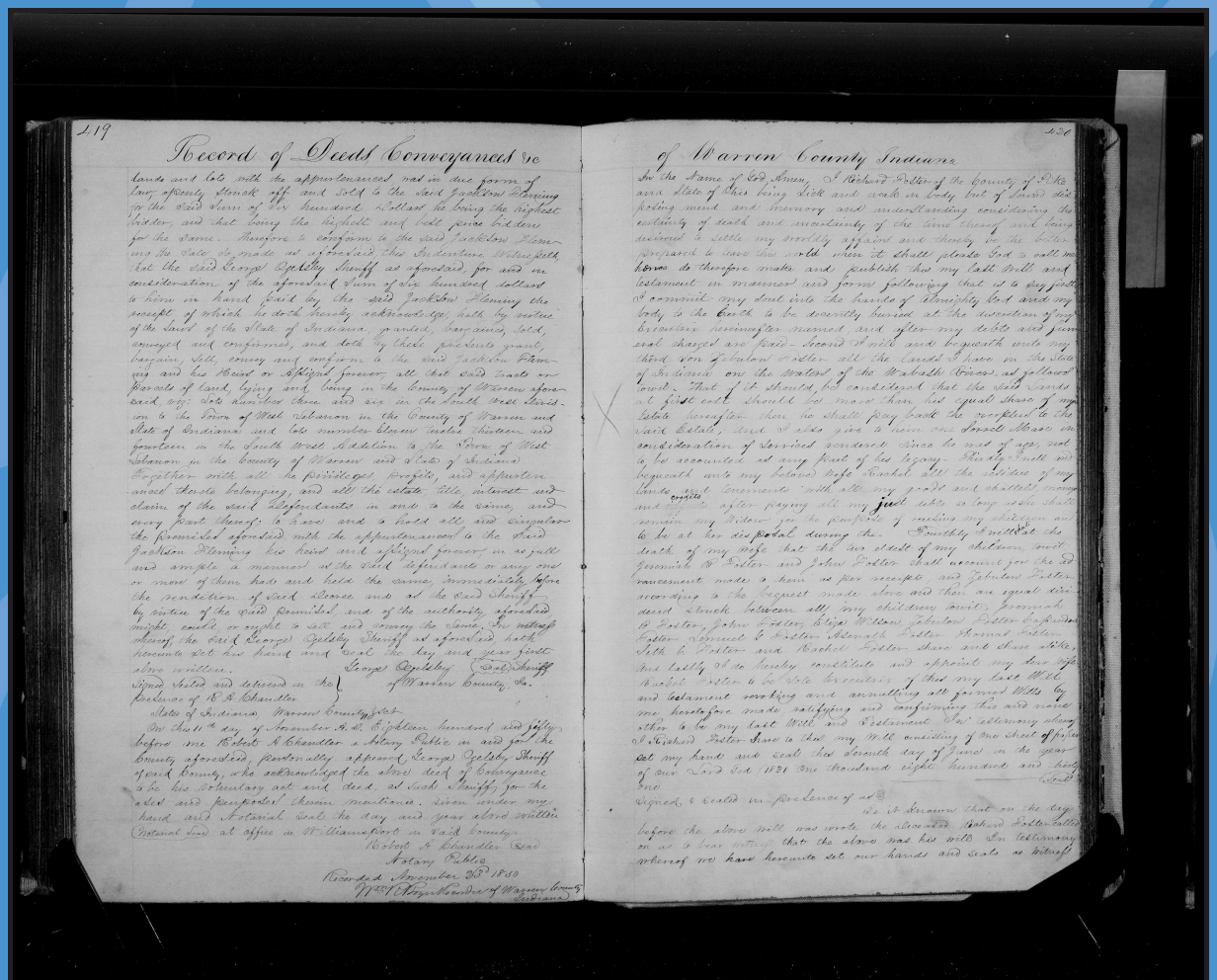


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# Will in Deed Book

Friday, April 01, 2022

Is this an April Fool's Joke?

Have you ever encountered a will entered into a deed book? I've seen those 'et al' deeds where the land is split between children, or deeds from the administrator of an estate to a child or children, but I don't recall ever finding an actual will in a deed book.

However, while searching the deed indexes of Warren County, Indiana for FOSTER deeds, I found the will of Richard Foster on page 420 of volume 11 of the deeds.

Warren County Indiana  
Deed records, 1827-1901

Deed records, V. 10-11, 1841-1850 Film 1977054 GS 8071879

Foster Richard Will & Testament Book 11 page 420

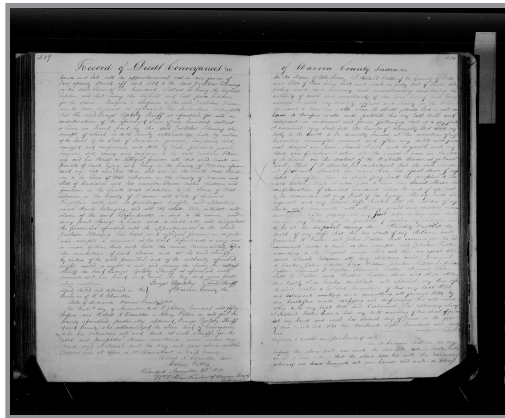
IN the name of God Amen, I Richard Foster of the County of Pike and State of Ohio being sick and weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say firstly I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid second I will and bequeath unto my third son Zebulon Foster all the lands I have in the State of Indiana on the waters of the Wabash River as follows to wit: That if it should be considered that the said lands at first cost should be more than his equal share of my estate hereafter then he shall pay back the overpaid to the said estate, and I also give to him one sorrel mare in consideration of services rendered since he was of age, not to be accounted as any part of his legacy. Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel all the residue of my lands and covenants with all my goods and chattels moneys and credits after paying all my just debts so long as she shall remain my widow for the purpose of raising my children and to be at her disposal during the — Fourthly I will that at the death of my wife that the two oldest of my children, to wit Jeremiah B Foster and John Foster shall account for the advancement made to them as per receipts and Zebulon Foster according to the bequest made above and then an equal dii [decid] struck between all my children, to wit, Jeremiah B Foster, John Foster, Eliza Wilson, Zebulon Foster, Cassandra Foster, Lemuel G Foster, Asenath Foster, Thomas Foster,

Seth C. Foster and Rachel Foster share and share alike.  
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint y dear wife  
Rachel Foster to sole executrix of this my last will  
and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by  
me heretofore made satisfying and confirming this and none  
other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof  
I Richard Foster have to this my will consisting of one sheet of paper  
set my hand and seal this seventh day of June in the year  
of our Lord God (1831) one thousand eight hundred and thirty  
one  
(seal)

Signed & Seal in presence of us

Be it known on the day before the above will was wrote the deceased richard Fostr called  
on us to bear witness that the above was his will In testimony  
whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seals as witness

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977054 DGS 8071879. Richard  
Foster, June 1831 Vol 11: page 420; digitized images, Family Search  
<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 17 March 2022.



Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977054 DGS 8071879. Richard  
Foster, June 1831 Vol 11: page 420; digitized images, Family Search  
<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 17 March 2022.

Since the version transcribed into the deed book does not identify the witnesses of the  
will, I looked for the actual will in the records for Pike County, Ohio. The will is recorded  
on page 54 of volume 1 of Pike County, Ohio will records.

Pike County Ohio  
Will Record  
Vol. 1  
page 54

State of Ohio  
Pike County

Pike Court of common Pleas June Term  
being the 20th day of June AD 1831

Be it remembered that on this day the last will and testament of Richard Foster late of Pike county deceased was [exhibited] in open court and proved by the oaths of Joseph Foster George Johnston and James Davis in all things agreeable to the statute in such cases made and provided as follows to wit"

State of Ohio Pike County

This day personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County the within name Joseph Foster George Johnston and James Davis who being duly sworn did depose and say that they were present at the time of speaking the testamentary words named in the within instrument by the said Richard Foster, now deceased that the same was immediately reduced to writing and was read over to the said Richard Foster and then and there declared to be his last will and testament and that he then and there desired @ these deponents to bear testimony that such was his will which they accordingly did and within six days thereafter attested the same as such that the same was done and made by the said Richard Foster in his last sickness and that at the time of making said will he the said Richard was of sound mind and memory and these deponents are entirely disinterested unto the subject matter of said will.

Sworn to and subscribed  
in open Court June 20th 1831

Joseph Foster  
George Johnston  
James Davis

And the Court being satisfied that said will has been duly executed and that the testator was of full age and of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint at the time of executing the same It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be admitted to record pursuant to statute which said will reads in the word following "to wit," In the name of God Amen

I Richard Foster of the County of Pike and State of Ohio being sick and weak in body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid  
Second I will and bequeath unto my third son Zebulon Foster

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all the land I have in the State of Indiana on the waters of the Wabash river as follows "to wit" that if it should be considered that the said lands at first cost should be more than his equal share of my estate hereafter then he shall pay back the overplus to the said estate and I also give to him one sorrel mare in consideration of services rendered since he was of age not to be accounted as any part of his legacy. Thirdly I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel all the residue of my lands and tenements

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Seal

Signed and sealed in presence of us

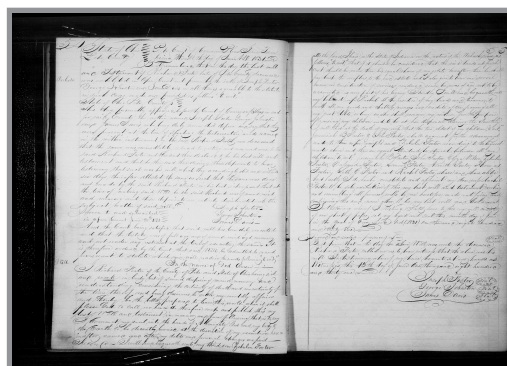
Be it known that on the day the above Will was wrote the deceased Richard Foster, called us to bear witness that the above was his will. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands as witness this 13th day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty one

Joseph Foster Seal

George Johnston seal

James Davis seal

Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996, Pike County, Will Record Vol. 1 1815-1865, Richard Foster, 1831; digitized images, FamilySearch ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : viewed online 17 March 2022).



Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996, Pike County, Will Record Vol. 1 1815-1865, Richard Foster, 1831; digitized images, FamilySearch ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) : viewed online 17 March 2022).

Since these two records are very similar, it is obvious that finding the copy of the will in a deed book is not an April Fool's joke. This is just another example of why I like to use records found in a Recorder of Deeds office.

# Nemaha County Tidbits

Saturday, April 02, 2022

## Navy Service



Grant Andrick passed examination at K.C., for enlistment in the navy and returned home Thursday morning by train. The quota is filled for the month of October and he is awaiting his call to report in November

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Monday October 16, 1939 page 6

### First to Enlist

President Roosevelt's resolve to build the U.S. Navy to greatest capacity has taken form and an Seneca boy, Richard Heideman, graduate of Sts. Peter and Paul high school last spring, is one of sixteen boys who left Topeka, the first to enlist. Richard was bound for naval training. He is the son of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Heideman. Glen Robinson Onaga and Floyd Figg, Wheaton, were other recruits. J. B. Buerkens, chief electric mate in charge of recruiting, expects to send another group in two weeks. Their pictures were in Tuesday's Capital.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, KS Monday Sept. 18, 1939 page 2

Mrs. Dorothy Doman accompanied her cousin, Robert Randel to California recently and is visiting her old classmate, Mrs. Fave Flentie, at Los Angeles Robert went on to San Diego, to rejoin the navy.

Corning Gazette, Corning, Kansas, June 22, 1939 page 1

Mr and Mrs. Fred Baugh are looking forward to a visit from their son, Bob who is in the navy and has been stationed near Honolulu for the past six months.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Thursday July 13, 1939

Joe Schon, 20, son of Mr. And Mrs. Oscar Schon, Lincoln and grandon of Mrs. C. D. Hinkley of Bern has joined the navy and is now in California. His sister, Virginia, graduated from the Lincoln High School this spring. Their mother is the former Stella Hinkley.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Monday July 10, 1939



Andrew J. Herold in Civil Service in Hawaii

Were it not for the old home paper the old home town would lose track of many old home town boys. It is the business of the newspaper to keep the reading public informed so far as it can. Those who have news of old hometown boys should aid in the matter.

Old home town boy, Andrew J. Herold, is now in the Hawaiian Islands, stationed at Honolulu where he is an electrical-engineer in the navy. Andrew has civilian civil service rating. He and his wife wne to the Islands about May 1st. This is work for which he always has had a bent, and suits him much better than former employment with REA.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Monday June 26, 1939 page 2

Mrs. Roy Sparling and son, Bill, who has just returned form the navy, left Thursday for Los Angeles to visit with her son and wife, Mr. And Mrs. Roy Sparling.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Thursday June 1st 1939 page 7

Harold Wiseman is at home after three years service in the navy. Since Harold's absence, his parents have moved from this community to Axtell where they farm.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Monday May 1st 1939 page 4

Mr. And Mrs. Everett Germain and Mr. And Mrs. Ivan Cordill had guests last week, E. R. Germain of the U.S. Navy. Young Germain is stationed at San Diego.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, KS Monday April 17th, 1939 page 6

Alvis Huber, Sherman Miller and Dick Sheik went to Kansas City Wednesday where Alvin attended a tire convention, and Dick took an examination for the Navy.

Courier Tribune, Seneca, Kansas Monday April 10, 1939 page 6

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, April 03, 2022

1950 Census Version

It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:


1) The 1950 United States Census was released by the U.S. National Archives on Friday, 1 April 2022.

2) Did you make a list of your census targets and try to find them in the 1950 census? How did your plans pay off – did you find everyone, or just some of them?

So, in mid-March I posted about my 1950 census plans. That post and the research that went into it made it much easier for me to have success on April 1st when the census was released. At the end of that post, I listed my initial research goals.

- Herbert Mentzer – ED 16-19 in Coffey County, Kansas
- Leon Crawford family (including his mother) – ED 29-15 in Ford County, Kansas
- Helen Horton – ED 29-16 in Ford County, Kansas
- Myrtle Jones – ED 29-18 in Ford County, Kansas
- Esther Noll – ED 29-6 in Ford County, Kansas
- E. O. Briles family – ED 56-16 in Lyon County, Kansas
- Letha Doolittle – ED 56-31 in Lyon County, Kansas
- Gladys Green – ED 56-31 in Lyon County, Kansas
- Edward G Briles – EDs 104-14 to 104-17 in Woodson County, KS
- Glen Briles – EDs 104-14 to 104-17 in Woodson County, KS
- Lulu Cope – EDs 104-14 to 104-17 in Woodson County, KS
- Charles Mentzer – ED 104-7 in Woodson County, KS
- Leslie Mentzer – ED 104-7 in Woodson County, KS

On Friday, April 1st, I posted my success in locating my parents and grandparents on Facebook.

 **Marcia Crawford Philbrick**  
1d · 🌐

Thanks to my preparation, I have found my parents and grandparents in the 1950 census!

[Help Us Transcribe Names](#)

**Kansas, Ford, 29-15**

ED	Household	Name	Age	Sex	Mar	Occup	Rel	Other
29	1	Myrtle Jones	44	F	M	Housewife	Head	
29	1	Herbert Mentzer	44	M	M	Farmer	Wife	
29	1	Charles Mentzer	14	M	S	Scholar	Son	
29	1	Leslie Mentzer	12	F	S	Scholar	Daughter	
29	2	Myrtle Jones	44	F	M	Housewife	Head	
29	2	Herbert Mentzer	44	M	M	Farmer	Wife	
29	2	Charles Mentzer	14	M	S	Scholar	Son	
29	2	Leslie Mentzer	12	F	S	Scholar	Daughter	

**Kansas, Lyon, 56-16**

ED	Household	Name	Age	Sex	Mar	Occup	Rel	Other
56	1	Myrtle Jones	44	F	M	Housewife	Head	
56	1	Herbert Mentzer	44	M	M	Farmer	Wife	
56	1	Charles Mentzer	14	M	S	Scholar	Son	
56	1	Leslie Mentzer	12	F	S	Scholar	Daughter	
56	2	Myrtle Jones	44	F	M	Housewife	Head	
56	2	Herbert Mentzer	44	M	M	Farmer	Wife	
56	2	Charles Mentzer	14	M	S	Scholar	Son	
56	2	Leslie Mentzer	12	F	S	Scholar	Daughter	

INTERVIEW CONTINUED ON NEXT SHEET ( )

FOR ALL AGES

So, how have I done with my initial list?

1. Herbert Mentzer – found in Coffey County
2. Leon Crawford – found in Dodge City
3. Eugene Crawford – found in Dodge City
4. Josie Crawford whom I thought might be living with Leon Crawford was NOT found in Dodge City
5. Helen Horton – was not found in Dodge City, thus, I need to try Texas.
6. Myrtle Jones – found in Dodge City
7. Esther Noll – found in Dodge city
8. E. O Briles – found in Emporia
9. Roberta Briles – found in Emporia
10. Eugene Crawford – found in Emporia
11. Letha Doolittle — not found in Emporia – likely living in San Bernardino, California
12. Gladys Green — not found in Emporia or Coffey County, Kansas
13. Edward G. Briles — possibly found in Yates Center, Kansas — but this entry has a ‘surprise’ wife
14. Glen Briles – found in Woodson County
15. Lulu Cope – found in Woodson County
16. Charles Mentzer – found in Woodson County
17. Leslie Mentzer – found in Allen County

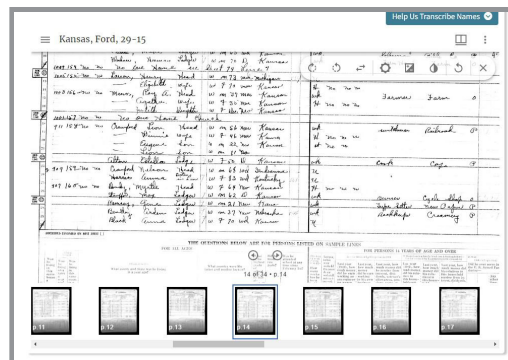
Even though I did not find everyone on my list, I feel like my initial voyage into the 1950 census was a success. Now, I need to patiently wait on the indexing to have a better chance of finding those for whom I don’t have a specific address to search.

# Census Surprise

Monday, April 04, 2022

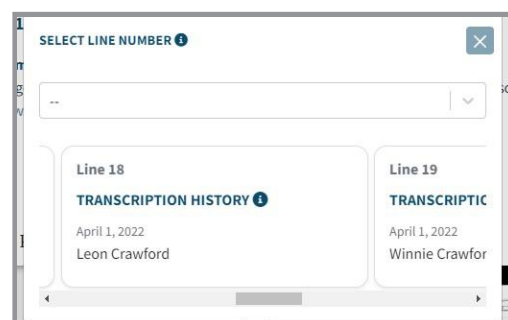
By now, most of my readers have already found their immediate family on the 1950 census. But I'm curious, were there any surprises in your work with the 1950 census?

Thanks to my preparation for the 1950 Census, finding my parents and grandparents was relatively easy. My dad's family was found exactly where I expected – living at 911 Second Avenue in Dodge City, Kansas on ED 29-15.



1950 U.S. Census, Ford County, Kansas, population schedule, Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas, ED 29-15, p. 14 Image 14 of 34, line 18, Crawford Leon; digital images, National Archives (1950census.archives.gov : viewed online 1 April 2022)

I even registered my email address to transcribe the CRAWFORD names found on this page.



So, on April 2nd, I expected to be able to search for the CRAWFORD surname to get back to the page. That's when I discovered that the names were not being indexed as CRAWFORD but as CRAMFORD.





One of the first surprises was that I did not find my great-grandmother, Josie Crawford, living with my grandparents in Dodge City. Nor was she living in the household of my great-aunt, Esther Crawford Noll. Thus, she is likely living with a different child. I likely will need to wait for indexing to find her.

Another surprise was a chance discovery of my father living in Emporia, Kansas after finding him listed with his parents in Dodge City. Since my dad was a student at Kansas State Teachers College at the time, I shouldn't have been surprised to find him in Emporia — but I wasn't looking for him there.

Year 1950	Household No.	Relationship (Last name first)	Age	Sex	Mar. Status	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Birth
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
50	760	Cunningham, Maggie	head	W	F	75	and	Kansas
		Crawford, Eugene	roomer	W	M	33	and	Kansas
		Crawford, Eugene	roomer	W	M	22	and	Kansas
		Heuback, Allen	roomer	W	M	19	and	Kansas
50	760	Tanaka, Bertha	head	W	F	60	and	Kansas
50	760	vacant						

Machine Learning (AI) Extracted Names

1: Cunningham Maggie • 3: Crawford Eugene • 4: newkirk Glen • Tanu Birthe • 6: vacant • 8: mcChane merle E.  
 9: Eleanor • 9: no our at he • 10: marhart Righnald • 11: thelma • 14: margarets • 14: schatter mar time  
 16: tes • 17: mchane merle E • 17: Crawford Eugene • 18: mchane merle E • 19: mchane merle E • 20: mchane merle E

1950 U.S. Census, Lyon County, Kansas, population schedule, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, ED 56-31, page 21 Image 21 of 57, Line 3, Eugene Crawford; digital images, National Archives (1950census.archives.gov : viewed online 1 April 2022)

However, my biggest surprise was finding E. G. Briles, whom I believe to be my great-grandfather with a wife named Anna. My great-grandmother, Frances Artlissa Ricketts Briles died in 1947, thus I expected to find Edward G. Briles as a widower. Thus, finding him in the 1950 census with a wife named Anna was a HUGE surprise.

Year 1950	Household No.	Relationship (Last name first)	Age	Sex	Mar. Status	Place of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of Birth
139	7a	Briles, Anna	head	W	F	64	and	Kansas
		Briles, Anna	head	W	M	65	and	Kansas
		Briles, Anna	head	W	F	65	and	Kansas
		Briles, Anna	head	W	M	37	and	Kansas
140	7a	Briles, E. G.	head	W	M	50	and	Kansas
		Briles, Anna	head	W	F	70	and	Kansas
141	7a	Goodale, John	head	W	M	43	and	Kansas

Machine Learning (AI) Extracted Names

1: Dillman Bath m. • 3: many l • 3: Lowell • 4: monk, Gree • 6: Park Roy. • 8: force magalens.  
 11: no one at home • 13: massath h. a. • 14: mildred • 15: Earl • 16: Donna • Sharon • 18: Rena, fred.  
 20: Homer • 21: Briles E • 24: anna • 23: Goodale John • 20: moore Walter • 30: Berry W. G. • 30: mamie

1950 U.S. Census, Woodson County, Kansas, population schedule, Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, ED 104-14, page 11 Image 11 of 25, line 21, E. G. Briles; digital images, National Archives (1950census.archives.gov : viewed online 1 April 2022)

A search of the Kansas, U.S., City and County Census Records, 1919-1961, confirms that an Anna Briles was living in Yates Center, Kansas with TWO people in her household in 1949 and 1950. Thus, I will need to do further research to see if I can verify a marriage for Edward G. Briles between 1947 and 1950.

So, how about you? Did you have any surprises in the 1950 census?

# Marriage Puzzle

Tuesday, April 05, 2022

Has a census record ever helped you identify a new spouse? The 1950 census record for what appears to be my great grandfather may do just that. It shows an 80 year old E G Briles with a 72 year old wife named Anna living in Yates Center, Kansas.

			Sharon	Daughter				
1397a	No		Anna. Fred	Wend	W	M	65	Mar Kansas
			— Bell	Wife	W	F	65	Mar Kansas
			— Homer	Son	W	M	37	Mar Kansas
180	hs	No	Briles, C. E.	Wend	W	M	80	Mar Kansas
			— Anna	Wife	W	F	72	Mar Kansas
141	No	No	Goodale, John	Wend	W	M	43	Mar Illinois

Machine Learning (AI) Extracted Names \*

• 1: Dillman Bath m. • 3: many l • 3: Lowell • 4: monk, Gree • 6: Park Roy. • 8: force magalens.  
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1950 U.S. Census, Woodson County, Kansas, population schedule, Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, ED 104-14, page 11 Image 11 of 25, line 21, E. G. Briles; digital images, National Archives (1950census.archives.gov : viewed online 1 April 2022)

E. G. Briles' age and location in the census are in line with what I already knew about my great grandfather. Edward Grant Briles was born in July 1869 in Coffey County, Kansas. Thus, he would have been 80 years old in May of 1950. Thanks to the Ancestry database, Kansas, U.S., City and County Census Records, 1919-1961, I've found him living in Yates Center, Kansas in 1948.

Byline August	2
Barnes Mrs. J. D.	1
Briles E. G.	1
Bell J. J.	2
W. J. M. J.	4

Kansas, City and County Census Records 1919-1961, Yates Center, 1948; database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online October 2017). Original Source: Population Schedules and Statistical Rolls: Cities (1919-1961).

This same database tells me that Anna M Briles was living in Yates Center with 2 people in the household in 1949 and 1950. Unlike previous years in these census records, the 1950 census recorded the street address which matches the address found for E. G. Briles on the 1950 federal census record. AND, there is no mention of an Edward Briles or an E. G. Briles on these Kansas census records living in Yates Center in 1949 or 1950.

1	2	3
Name of Head of Family	Street Address	Total Number in Family
Barto Ben	206 W. Dash	2
Brandon Oscar	502 S. Main	3
Briles Anna M.	710 S. Green	2
Bee J. F.	502 E. Park	2
Brown Anna	507 W. State	1

Kansas, City and County Census Records, 1919-1961, Anna M. Briles, 1 March 1950;

database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)) : viewed online 3 April 2022).  
Original Source: Kansas State Board of Agriculture.

These census records suggest that Edward G. Briles remarried sometime after the 1948 census was taken and when the 1949 census was taken. However, none of the records associated with Edward Briles' death in July 1951 mention this second wife.

For example, his obituary published in the Emporia Gazette identifies his four children and states that his wife, Artie, died in May 1947.

#### Ed Briles Dead

Ed Briles, of Yates Center, died Monday evening at 6 o'clock at St. Mary's hospital. He was the father of E. O. Briles, 924 Constitution.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Mr. Briles was born July 18, 1867 in LeRoy, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Briles. He and Artie Ricketts were married and she preceded him in death in Yates Center in May, 1947.

Survivors are two sons, E. O. Briles, 924 Constitution; Glenn Briles, of Yates Center; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Darby, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lulu Cope, of Yates Center; a sister, Mrs. Angie Barr, of Burlington, and seven grandchildren.

"Ed Briles Dead," obituary, The Emporia Gazette (Emporia, Kansas), 2 August 1951, p. 4; Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online July 2018).

A different obituary was published in the Yates Center newspaper. It also makes no mention of a second wife while providing details about his wife, Artie and their children.

#### E. G. Briles

E. G. Briles, son of Noah and Sarah Briles, was born on a farm in the Crandall vicinity, west of Le Roy, Kans. He passed away in St. Mary's hospital, Emporia, Kans. On July 23, 1951, at the age of 82 years and five days.

He was married to Artie Ricketts on February 19, 1890, who preceded him in death on April 28, 1947. Their four children survive: namely: E. O. Briles of Emporia, Kans. Mrs. Ethel Darby of Los Angeles, Calif., Glen Briles and Mrs. Lulu Cope, Yates Center, also a sister, Mrs. Angie Barr of Burlington Kans.; and seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

His entire life was spent within a radius of 25 miles of his birthplace. He was engaged in farming as long as his health would permit, and after moving to Yates Center, he engaged in carpentering.

Services were held at the Campbell Chapel on Wednesday afternoon, July 25, conducted by Miles C. Cool, "No Night There" and "Beyond the Sunset" were sung by H. E. Redfearn, Jr. With Charlene Morris as accompanist. Casketbearers were Leonard Massoth, Leonard Turner, Harry Ashley, N. L. Briles, August Flake and E. B. Lake. Burial was in the Crandall cemetery.

"E. G. Briles", Yates Center News, (Yates Center, Kansas), 2 August 1951, page 5, microfilm; Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS.

In the probate court records for the estate of Francis Artlissa Ricketts Briles and her husband, Eddie G. Briles, the Decree of Descent identifies the four children and indicates that "E. G. Briles, aka Eddie G. Briles had no spouse ... who survived him other than the persons above named" (i.e. the 4 children)

Commission had been filed in this case.

The court further finds that the said E. G. Briles, aka Eddie G. Briles left surviving him as his **sole and only heirs** at law the following persons, whose names and respective shares in his estate were as follows:

E. G. Briles, son, an undivided  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest;  
Ethel Darby, daughter, an undivided  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest;  
Glen Briles, son, an undivided  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest;  
Lulu B. Cope, daughter, an undivided  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest.

The court further finds that the said E. G. Briles, aka Eddie G. Briles **had no spouse** or children or adopted children or issue of deceased children, natural or adopted, who survived him, other than the persons above named.

Since the obituary and probate records do not name a second wife, I now have a puzzle to solve regarding the 1950 census record. For now, I see two possible solutions to this puzzle.

- The E. G. Briles in the 1950 U.S. Census might be a different E. G. Briles
- E. G. Briles may have been married to Anna, but she likely died prior to his death in July of 1951.

To help figure out whether my great-grandfather had a second wife, I am writing the Woodson County Clerk to see if there is a marriage record for an Eddie Briles between 1948 and 1950.

I have also identified a possible 'Anna' in the Find a Grave records for Woodson County, Kansas. I then located this person on FamilySearch. While this is a long shot, I have messaged contributors to Anna's profile on FamilySearch to see if they knew anything about a possible marriage to an Edward Briles. I may also need to schedule a trip to the Kansas State Historical Society to read the newspaper microfilm for 1948 to 1951.

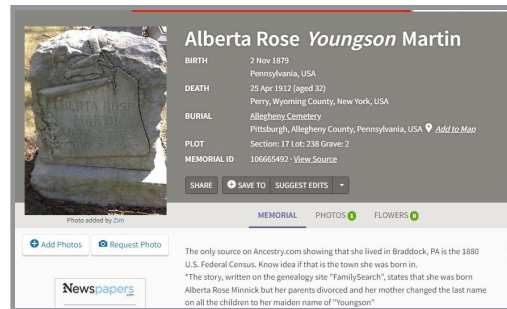
For now, it is a puzzle!

# Messy Divorce

Wednesday, April 06, 2022

Do you have many divorces in your family research? Have you ever encountered a really messy divorce. While I do have some divorces in my tree, I don't have many. As I go back in time, those mentions of divorce become less and less.

Thus, when I encountered the mention on a Find a Grave record of a child's name being changed due to a divorce, I had to learn more.



Find a Grave, database and images, Find a Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) : viewed online 23 March 2022), memorial for Alberta Rose Youngson Martin (1879-1912), Find a Grave Memorial no. #106665492, created by Zim, citing Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; accompanying photograph by Zim, Alberta Rose Youngson Martin.

Alberta's obituary makes no mention of the surname Minnick but does mention a brother, John E. Youngson and a sister, Mrs. William H McKelvey.

Mrs. John E. Martin

Mrs. Alberta Youngson Martin died Thursday in her home at Perry, N.Y. She was the wife of Rev. John Edward Martin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of that place, and before her marriage had taught in the commercial department of the Pittsburgh High School. Her husband, one son, a brother, John E. Youngson, and a sister, Mrs. William H. McKelvey of Pittsburgh survive.

"Mrs. John E. Martin," Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 27 April 1912, page 6; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

In like manner, her mother's obituary does not use her married name, but identifies her as Mrs. Ella Youngson. Again a son, John G. and a daughter, Mrs. F. L. Porter, are mentioned

Youngson, Mrs. Ella — At Chautauqua, N.Y., on Saturday, August 2, 1924 at 9:15 a.m. Mrs. Ella Youngson formerly of Pittsburgh and recently of Washington, D.C. and Chautauqua, N.Y., mother of Mrs. F. L. Porter and John G. Youngson.

Funeral from the residence of her son, John G. Youngson, 4113 Winidsor street, Squirrel Hill, on Monday, August 4, at 3 p.m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.



"Youngson, Mrs Ella," Pittsburgh Daily Post (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 3 August 1924, page 35; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

An announcement of Alberta's marriage identifies Alberta's mother as Mrs. Ella Youngson and her siblings as John B. Youngson and Mrs. W. H. McKelvy

An unusually beautiful wedding was that of Miss Alberta Rose Youngson and the Rev. John Edward Martin of New York, which took place in the chapel of the Third Presbyterian church, with the pastor, the Rev. William L. McEwan officiating. Mrs. W. H. McKelvy, a sister of the bride, was her only attendant. John B. Youngson gave his sister away and Alfred Martin, a brother of the bridegroom was the best man. After the ceremony a reception for the immediate relatives was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ella Youngson in Fifth avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will reside in Tarrytown, N. Y., where he is religious secretary of the Young Men's Christian association.

"Society," Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 11 September 1904, page 24; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 23 March 2022).

The above obituaries and wedding announcement make it appear that Youngson was Ella's married name and not her maiden name. This would cause one to look for a Youngson as the father of Alberta, John and Margaret. However, Wilson Minnick's obituary also identifies a son, John, and a daughter Mrs. Margaret McKelvey.

Wilson Minnick Goes to Reward

Aged Kewanee Man Dies at St. Francis Hospital at 8 o'clock Last Night

Came to Community Before Civil War

Funeral Service to Be Held at Residence and Church Sunday Afternoon

Wilson J Minnick, who came to Kewanee before the civil war, died last night at 8 o'clock at St. Francis hospital after a fortnight's illness. His serious condition, due to internal hemorrhages, became such a few days ago that it was considered advisable to remove the patient to the hospital.

Mr. Minnick was born in Pennsylvania August 21, 1844, so was nearly seventy years old at the time of his death. He came to Kewanee before the war and enlisted in the service as a private in Company H, 34th Illinois infantry. He was mustered out of service October 15, 1864, at Chicago.

Move to Iowa

Mr. Minnick in 1869 claimed as his bride Miss Ella Youngson of Kewanee. Later they moved to Afton, Ia., where Mr. Minnick was engaged as a merchant for a number of years, subsequently moving to Pittsburgh, Pa., where the family resided until twenty years ago when they returned to make Kewanee their home. Mr. Minnick during the last years of his life took care of several churches in the city, more recently the Methodist church of which denomination he, was a member.

Funeral Sunday

He was very well known and was held in high regard as an upright and honorable citizen. To Mr. and Mrs. Minnick four children were born, two of whom are living, a son, John and Mrs. Margaret McKelvey, a daughter, who with Mrs. Minnick and four sisters as follows,

survive: Emma Mentzer of Yates City, Ia ; Ellen Frink of Shenandoah, Ia., Miss Lizzie Minnick of Kewanee, and Mrs. Susie Halterman of Clarinda, Ia.

The funeral service is to be held Sunday afternoon at 1 30 o'clock at the residence, 113 South Elm street, at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

"Wilson Minnick Goes to Reward," Kewanee Daily Star-Courier (Kewanee, Illinois), 16 January 1914, page 1; Digital Images, Kewanee Public Library District (Advantage Preservation) ( <http://kewanee.advantage-preservation.com/> : viewed online 21 March 2022).

Thus, one would wonder whether this is two different families with very similar names or whether it is one family. Following up on the mention of a divorce on the Find a Grave page, I started looking for evidence of such a divorce in the newspapers. I expected to find a one or two sentence mention of the divorce. Instead I found articles spanning over six months detailing the marital conflict and ultimate divorce.

The first article, "Is Minnick Insane?" is about a court hearing that appeared in the 1 March 1890 edition of the Weekly Herald (Shenandoah, PA).

Is Minnick Insane?

Committed to an Asylum Under Strange Circumstances

Claims it is a Conspiracy

He Makes a Serious Charge against a Minister of Monongahela City

The Clergyman Says He Has not Been Guilty of Indiscretions — Prominent Citizen Asssert the Man Imprisoned is Not Crazy — The Doctors Say He Is Insane from Unwarranted Jealousy

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 27 — Mr. Wm. Minnick, a well-known resident of Braddock, Pa., has been committed to the Dixmont Asylum for Insane, under very peculiar circumstances. Mr. Minnick had charged Rev. J. T. Reiley, a Methodist minister, of Monongahela City, with paying improper attentions to Mrs. Minnick during a period of six years. Minnick also accused his wife with receiving improper attentions from several other men and had addressed letters to certain individuals threatening to shoot them if their attentions to his wife did not cease at once.

Dr. Sandels, of Braddock, and Dr. McCord of South Pittsburg, signed the commitment of Minnick stating that Minnick was insane from unwarranted jealousy.

While on the train en route for Dixmont, Minnick vigorously resisted the officers in charge, protesting that he was not crazy, but was the victim of a conspiracy to get him out of the way.

Several prominent citizens of Braddock, neighbors of Minnick, were interviewed to-day, and agree that Minnick is not insane. Some of them openly charge Rev. Mr. Riley and others with indescreet actions with Mrs. Minnick.

Rev. Mr. Riley says that he has not been guilty of any indiscretion, that he had nothing to do with sending Minnick to Dixmont, and that he does not know whether he is insane, but he does know that he is unjustifiably jealous.

Rev Mr Eaton, of Braddock, states that Minnick engaged in prayer in his church last Sunday evening, and that his prayer was not that of an insane man. Squire Lewis, and others, of Braddock, are taking measures to have Mr. Minnick examined and, if possible

removed from the asylum.  
Braddock is all excitement over the event.

"Is Minnick Insane," Weekly Herald (Shenandoah, Pennsylvania), 1 March 1890, page 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

A later article discusses a judge's ruling that William Minnick was placed in the Dixmont asylum under false pretensions.

They Took Snap Judgment  
The Physicians Who sent Minnick to Dixmont Are Not Sustained

The Prisoner Released by the Court

Sensational Developments of the Habeas Corpus Hearing

Mr. Youngson and the Newspapers

William Minnick is no longer an inmate of the Dixmont insane asylum. The developments of the hearing yesterday in habeas corpus proceedings were of a highly sensational character. Judge White was on the bench. When court opened Mrs. Minnick, her brother Mr. J. B. Youngson, Miss Minnick and Mr. Minnick were all in the room. Rev. T. N. Boyle, the present pastor of the M.E. church in Braddock, and Rev. J. T. Riley, the former pastor, were also there. Messrs. Yost and Price were attorneys for Mr Minnick, Clarence Burleigh for Mrs. Minnick, and George Shiras III, for the hospital authorities.

In opening Judge While said that Mrs. Minnick's attorneys were bound to prove what was alleged in the physician's certificate on which Mr. Minnick had been committed. Mrs. Minnick was placed on the stand. She said they had lived as man and wife until within a month or two. She was acquainted with Mr. Minnick's family; he has a sister who is insane; his grandmother died insane, and he has a cousin who is insane. Her husband had been jealous of her before the birth of her daughter Maggie; he more than once accused her of infidelity. She said he had threatened once a week to kill his family and had threatened to kill Rev. Riley.. He sold books, but she supported the family, being ticket agent at a railroad station.

Mrs. Minnick's story

Mrs. Minnick denied that her daughter Maggie had carried letters or messages to Mr. Riley. She had written some letters; some were letters of friendship. when away from home she had never misled her husband as to her whereabouts.

Maggie Minnick testified that her father had told her almost daily that he would kill her mother. She had seen him strike her mother. For the last six months letters had been coming that her father had written to other men. They were outrageous, and when her brother Johnnie would ask his father about them they would quarrel. The night the letter sent to Dr. Dean was returned her father had thrown her across the room. When Dr. Dean came to the house and asked why the letter was sent her father refused to talk about it.

Dr. Dean and Dr. McKelvey told of their experience with Mr. Minnick and his letters. Dr. Dean had thought Minnick insane for five or six years and Dr. McKelvey looked on him as insane on the subject of his wife.

Thinks Him Insane

Dr. Sandels, who had signed the commitment certificate, was placed on the stand. He said he had been called to Minnick's house and had waited there until Dr. McCord came. They examined the letters written by Minnick and then talked to him. He had thought for

eight years that Minnick was on the verge of insanity. From the letters he thought he was a monomaniac. He defined the latter as periodical insanity and insane on one subject. The witness was examined at length. His conclusions were based on the letters and the talk he had with Minnick; they talked about 10 minutes

Dr. J. P. McCord said he had gone to Braddock with J. B. Youngson, who had explained the case. He was introduced to Mr. Minnick, who after a few words walked to a window. Dr. Sandels talked to Minnick about the weather and Braddock improvements. Mr. Minnick had glaring eyes, and would not look anybody in the eye. Witness thought him a monomaniac on the subject of marital infidelity. He came to this conclusion from what he had been told and the letters he read. He said he had not taken hearsay evidence. Judge White conducted the examination of this witness. He spoke on the responsibilities of physicians, and said that he did not wish to reflect on those in this case, but it was proper for a physician to be very careful.

Dr. Hutchinson, superintendent of Dixmont hospital, said Minnick had been Mr. Minnick became greatly excited when witness had talked to him about the case. The letters were further evidence of insanity. Dr. James G. Graham, resident physician at Dixmont, also thought Minnick insane. After he left the stand Judge White said the letter to Dr. Beebe written by Minnick, in which he threatened to kill Beebe, was an answer to one from Dr. Beebe to Mrs. Minnick as was justifiable.

#### An Outburst of Applause

There was an outburst of applause at this, and the judge ordered that if this was repeated the offenders should be ejected. Mr. Minnick took the stand. He gave an account of the visits of the doctors. They were there eight or ten minutes. He didn't know what they wanted and didn't ask as his wife would have told him it was none of his business. On Monday he went to work in Hazelwood. He was induced to go to town by a man named Drum, was arrested and taken to Dixmont. He resisted arrest until he saw the papers.

To Judge White Mr. Minnick said he had not constantly accused his wife of infidelity, for at times she had been faithful. He respected Dr. McKelvey. He might be mistaken in Dr. Dean's case. He had been willing to separate, but thought it better to live together and avoid a scandal. They had lived in the same house, but not as man and wife. He had not threatened to kill his wife; he had said he was tempted to kill her.

"Christ was tempted, but he did not yield," said the witness.

He denied that he told Dr. Hutchinson he had gotten a hatchet to kill his wife. He said for two years he had had no bed, but slept on the kitchen floor. He had always given his wife money, and gave her \$5 on Saturday before he was sent to Dixmont. In conclusion Mr. Minnick denied that he was insane or that several members of his family are. Mrs. Minnick had started those reports. He had one sister affected. He wanted to call some witnesses, but Judge White said it was unnecessary.

#### Judge White Calls the Turn

His honor said that he had heard enough testimony. The act of assembly allowed the commitment on a certificate of two physicians, and maybe the proceedings could be carried on without the party knowing anything about it as in this case.

The two doctors met at the house and made up their minds from letters shown them, and after only a few minutes ordinary conversation with him. On Friday the certificate of insanity was signed, and on Monday Mr. Minnick was induced to come to the city and was taken to Dixmont. Not a friend or citizen of Braddock, outside the family knew anything about it. If the law is administered that way it might do a great deal of wrong. On the stand the doctors did not say he was insane, but was monomaniac, and they determined that from letters. During the conversation with him he was only restless and agitated. That was exceedingly slight evidence of insanity. The doctors made the certificate on what they heard, not on personal examination. Upon the testimony of Mr. Minnick the proceedings were a gross outrage of his rights.

### Minnick a Free Man

Continuing, the judge said he thought Mr. and Mrs. Minnick ought not to try to live together. There were sufficient grounds for divorce. The evidence did not justify sending Mr. Minnick to Dixmont, and he would be allowed to go free.

When he had finished speaking Mr. Youngson, the brother of Mrs. Minnick asked permission to speak. It was granted, and he proceeded with an explanation. He said that until a month or so ago he did not know of the unhappy relations between his sister and her husband. When he learned of it he went there and tried to bring about a reconciliation. He could not do so, and became convinced that Mr. Minnick was unfit to be at large. He consulted physicians as to the course to pursue to send him to an asylum, and learning what was necessary did it. Mrs. Minnick did not know about the proceedings until shortly before the visit of the doctor. He was entirely responsible for sending Minnick to Dixmont. As to the charges of criminal conduct against Mrs. Minnick, they were untrue. Mr. Riley had been a good friend to the family and had advanced Mrs. Minnick money to educate her daughter. Since she has been agent for the railroad, she has repaid him \$200.

### Don't Like the Newspapers

Judge White interrupted Mr. Youngson, saying that he was willing to hear what he had to say bearing on the case, although he did not see what good it would do, as he had decided the matter, unless it was for the benefit of the newspapers.

Mr. Youngson replied that it was not for the newspapers. "They are infernal \_" he began, but checked himself. He added that he did not think Mr. Minnick should be free, and that he would do his wife bodily harm.

When he had finished, Mrs. Minnick, in an agitated manner, exclaimed:

"Judge White, I want protection from that man!"

She was quieted by her daughter, and the court room was soon emptied and Mr. Minnick free.

"They Took Snap Judgment," Pittsburgh Daily Post (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 6 March 1890, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

The divorce proceedings are chronicled in August 1890 newspapers. In one hearing, it is stated that the husband's name is Wilson J. Minnick and not William J.

### Finished the Testimony

#### Another Step in the Divorce Proceedings against W. J. Minnick

The taking of testimony was concluded yesterday in the divorce suit of Elvira Minnick against her husband William J. Minnick, whose vindication from the charge of insanity by Judge White in open court some time ago created so much attention. The testimony was filed in the afternoon. It was learned that the testimony was of very ordinary order. The affiant, it is understood, simply charged her husband with abusing her. The proceedings were of an ex-parte order. ***In her papers Mrs. Minnick calls her husband William J. Minnick but in the latter's reply to the charges he declares that his name is not William J. but Wilson J. Minnick.***

"Finished the Testimony," Pittsburgh Daily Post (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 13 August 1890, page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

## Beaten Before Her Children

### Serious Charges in a Divorce Suit Against the Family Head

The testimony taken in the divorce case of Mrs. Elvira Minnick against W. J. Minnick, of Braddock, has been filed by J. F. Lazear Esq., the Commissioner. Mr. Minnick did not appear at any of the hearings, and not testimony was taken on his behalf, nor was mention made of the lunacy proceedings in which the family figured in court. Mrs. Minnick testified that they were married in Illinois in November, 1869, and moved to Pittsburg several years later. She said that her husband had beaten her outrageously ever since their marriage.

They separated in February last. Her daughter, Margaret, age 20 years, her son John G. Minnick, aged 16 years and Archibald Dawson, aged 16 years, who lived with the family, corroborated her testimony. The daughter said that her father abused her mother as far back as she could remember. She frequently had to interfere to save her mother.

"Beaten Before Her Children," Pittsburgh Dispatch (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 19 August 1890, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

Then in September, 1890, a divorce decree is published in the Pittsburgh Press.

### Decrees in Divorce

In the court of common please No. 2 the following decrees in divorce were granted:  
Elvira Minnick vs. Wm. J. Minnick

"Decrees in Divorce," The Pittsburgh Press (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 6 September 1890, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 21 March 2022).

These articles covering the insanity hearing and divorce support Wilson J Minnick being the husband of Ella Youngson and father of her children.



# Flowerama

Thursday, April 07, 2022

Have you purchased flowers from a grocery or discount store? Have you ever wondered how shopping for flowers transitioned from a florist storefront to a grocery store? I know that I never questioned this transition.

Thus, when I ran across the mention of Flowerama in the obituary of a second cousin twice removed, Herbert Frink. I was intrigued enough to learn more about Flowerama.

The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa)  
25 Sep 1987  
page 14

Herbert W. Frink

Cedar Falls — Services for Herbert W. Frink, 71, of 2421 Sunset Blvd., will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Frink died of heart failure Thursday afternoon (Sept. 24) at Sartori Memorial Hospital. He was born April 26, 1916 in Shenandoah, son of Warren and Ellen Weis Frink. He married Ruth M. Marinoff on May 23, 1945, in San Juan, Texas. She died June 22, 1975. He married Betty Sulentic Glass on July 8, 1977 in Waterloo, She died April 11, 1986.

He was a first lieutenant in World War II and was a flight instructor and a national aerial gunnery champion as an Air Force pilot. He retired from **Frink Greenhouses and Flowerama of America** in 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Jacklyn Frink Rubendall of 1600 Patterson Lane, Cedar Falls; two brothers, Maurice F. of 365 Four Seasons Drive, Cedar Falls, and Richard O. of 18 River Ridge Road, Cedar Falls; and a sister, Marcia Talley of 33011 Neola, Cedar Falls.

Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home and for an hour before services Saturday at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

"Herbert W. Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 25 September 1987, page 14; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

That curiosity about Flowerama prompted a newspaper search for the word 'flowerama'. My initial search turned up several 1987 articles about a company named Flowerama of America, Inc., founded by Maurice Frink and his brother, Herbert. While these articles talked about the expansion of Flowerama, an article in the 25 Jan 1987 issue of the Des Moines Register provided some background on the founding of the company.

The Des Moines Register (Des Moines, Iowa)  
25 Jan 1987  
page 109

From a few posies to major profits  
Flowerama blossoms into largest retail flower franchiser

By Jack Holvelson

Waterloo, IA — It may be that a rose is a rose is a rose, but to Flowerama of America Inc., its a key to luring the impulse buyer.

Now thousands of roses later, the Waterloo-based florist franchiser has turned the kind of “flower cart” sales by the stem into big business.

...

Company owner and president Maurice “Mose” Frink say he’s not ready to stop growing either.

“We aim now to open 15 new shops a year. I hope we can open 50 a year. I see no reason Flowerama can’t have a thousand franchised shops, say Frink who co-founded the operation with brother Herbert.

The idea for Flowerama took root more than two decades ago. The brothers already knew something about the florist business, since they were sons of a Waterloo florist and owners of Frinks’ Greenhouses, Inc.

The greenhouses had opened in 1952, and ultimately supplied more than 250 retail florists and bedding plant outlets in Iowa and other parts of the Midwest, according to Maurice Frink.

But the brothers wanted a more stable and dependable market than they had in their floral shops and supermarket chains.

So in 1966, Maurice and Herbert decided to try selling bedding plants and flowers from expandable mobile trailers parking in high-traffic areas such as supermarkets and shopping center parking lots.

Then in 1970, the Frinks decided to try selling flowers and plants in regional shopping malls, again using the “openness” approach that had worked so well with their temporary site trailers. The first Flowerama in a mall was established in the College Square Shopping center in Cedar Falls.

Largest Floral Retailer

Today, Flowerama is the nation’s largest franchiser of retail floral shops, according to Flowerama marketing director Bob Whitt.

The company is privately held and doesn’t release either profit or sales figures.

The Frink method of merchandising flowers is patterned after the traditional European “flower cart” approach that encourages browsing and impulse buying. In this country, sales of flowers historically have been made to people who visit a florist intending to buy flowers for a special occasion. Flowerama profits from this type of sale as well.

But the majority of its business comes from the growing ranks of impulse buyers who are in shopping malls for reasons other than picking up flowers, according to Maurice Frink.

“From a Few Posies to Major Profits,” The Des Moines Register (Des Moines, Iowa), 25 January 1987, page 109; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 30 March 2022).





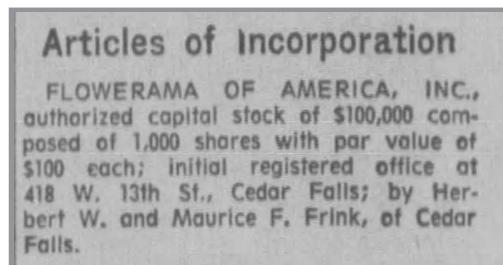
Based on this information, I was able to narrow my search and found an article about the incorporation fo Flowerama.

The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa)  
4 May 1966  
page 2

#### Articles of Incorporation

Flowerama of America, Inc., authorized capital stock of \$100,000 composed of 1,000 shares with par value at \$100 each.; initial registered office at 418 W. 13th St., Cedar Falls,; by Herbert W. and Maurice F Frink, of Cedar Falls.

"Articles of Incorporation," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 4 May 1966, page 2; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 30 March 2022).



While I have never met these distant cousins, I will think of them whenever seeing flowers for sale in a grocery or discount store.

# Friday Finds – Sellers Bible

Friday, April 08, 2022

## SELLERS Bible

Have you ever heard others reminisce about the 'old days'? Well today, I feel like I'm doing just that. I'm missing some of the tools that allowed me to connect with other researchers. Even though the major genealogy sites offer ways to connect with others, they don't seem to be as effective as the older tools. And, I have to admit that I'm not good about checking for messages in Ancestry or on FamilySearch whenever I open the site.

One of those old tools that helped me connect with other researchers was the Roots-L mailing lists. While I would jump onto a list for a while and then unsubscribe when the email overwhelmed me, I always knew that I could go back and search the archives when needed. While I don't have any known SELLERS ancestors, I researched the SELLERS families that interconnected with my CRAWFORD research. Thus, the SELLERS mailing list was a vital way to connect with descendants of these families. As I was going back thru my old files, I stumbled across an old email from this SELLERS mailing list that contains a transcription of a SELLERS Bible record.

Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2001 14:44:03 EDT

From: <Sellers\_\_\_\_\_

To: SELLERS-L@rootsweb.com

Message-ID: 12c.169430d.2881ecf3@aol.com

Subject: Joseph Sellers/Preble & Henry C. Sellers/Cass Co., Ind.

To Marie, Mary \_\_, and others — Like you, I only report what is written.

William H. Sellers said he copied the information from the family Bible, and whether it deserves the remark "supposedly" or not, I can't say.

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••Parents ..••  
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(Children)  
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Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2001 14:44:03 EDT  
From: cdb@...  
To: sellers-2@rootsweb.com  
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# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, April 09, 2022

## Bell Fighter

The Army's newest battle of the skies. Armed with five machine guns, the Bell Fighter is the most formidable fighting plane in the U. S. Air Corps

Planes such as the Bell Fighter pictured above are being added to the nation's air force as fast as modern production methods can supply them. To man this equipment the army is daily adding to its ground and air strength.

The President's recent proclamation increasing the regular army to 227,000 soldiers opens an unusual opportunity to intelligent young men with their eyes on the future.

Seven hundred young men meeting army requirements will be recruited before December 31 in the eight mid-western states of the Seventh Corps Area for service at McChord Field, the new Air Corps station near Tacoma, Washington.

Applicants must be 18 to 35 years of age, unmarried and must pass a physical examination. Enlistment is for three years and advancement rests largely with the individual. The army is rapidly becoming mechanized and the opportunity for the man with technical or craft training is greater than ever before, with substantial increases in pay ratings for specialists. Enlistments will be taken for the Air Corps proper and the Air Corps Medical and Quartermaster units.

An applicant for enlistment to the Air Corps must have a high school education, or its equivalent or a journeyman rating in a mechanical trade.

McChord Field adjoins Fort Lewis, Washington, recognized as the most ideally situated army post in the United States. Fort Lewis is midway between Tacoma, a city of 140,000 and Olympia, the State Capital. Seattle, 400,000 population is a two-hour drive on the Pacific highway. The Fort Lewis reservation, 76,000 acres is literally a hunter's and fisherman's paradise, with deer, ducks, geese, pheasant, trout and salmon in abundance. The reservation includes every kind of terrain, high mountains, beautiful forests and mountain streams and the sea itself. The climate is mild, there is seldom a freeze, and Fort Lewis is rarely muddy due to the sandy-loam soil. Information regarding the nearest recruiting station may be obtained at your post office.

From page 2 of the 30 November 1939 issue of the Courier Tribune

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, April 10, 2022

It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

1) Let's have some genealogy fun tonight and answer some family history-related questions with four responses (Four Things!).

## Four names I go by:

- Marcia
- Marcia Philbrick
- Mrs. Philbrick
- Mrs. Phil

## Four places I've lived (resided):

- Seneca, Kansas
- Dodge City, Kansas
- Emporia, Kansas
- Lincoln, Nebraska

## Four ancestral places I have been:

- Dodge City, Kansas
- Yates Center, Kansas
- Warren County, Indiana
- Preble County, Ohio

## Four interesting places I have been:

- Grand Teton National Park
- Yellowstone National Park
- Bottom of Grand Canyon National Park
- Traveled the Oregon Trail

## Four favorite ancestors:

- James Crawford
- Washington Marion Crawford
- Hiram M. Currey – Treasurer of the State of Ohio
- Edward Osmund Briles

## Four favorite genealogy record collections:

- Land records
- Newspapers
- Census records
- Military records

# Herbert Frink, Pilot

Monday, April 11, 2022

Have you tried to re-create a military record for a World War II veteran in your tree? If I'm lucky enough to locate a digitized local newspaper, I can often add lots of details about an ancestor's or a cousin's military record. That was the case recently when researching my Minnick line, particularly, Herbert Frink.

A brief mention in the 22 Mar 1943 issue of The Courier of Waterloo, Iowa, helps confirm his first enlistment.

Aviation Cadet Herbert W. Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street has been advanced from preflight training at San Antonio Cadet Center to an army air force primary flying field. He enlisted June, 1941.

"Aviation Cadet Herbert W. Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 22 March 1943, page 3; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

Then in May 1943, an article confirms Herbert was sent to basic flying school.

Air Cadet Herbert W. Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street has been graduated from primary flying school at Fort Stockton, Tex., and will be sent to a basic flying school to continue his training. He was employed at the Rainbow greenhouse before entering the army air corps.

"Air Cadet Herbert W. Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 31 May 1943, page 3; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

A June article announces Herbert's arrival at Goodfellow field in Texas.

Air Cadet Herbert W. Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street, who recently graduated from a primary flying school at Fort Stockton, Tex. has arrived at Goodfellow field, Tex., to begin an intensified aerial training course.

"Air Cadet Herbert W. Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 3 June 1943, page; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

In October of 1943, Herbert Frink earned his pilot's wings.

Frink Wins Pilot Wings, Commission

Graduated in ceremonies conducted by the army air forces central flying training command, Herbert W. Frink, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Frink, 303 Locust street, Saturday wore the silver wings of an army pilot and held his second lieutenant's commission.

Lieutenant Frink, who enlisted in June 1941, received pre-flight training at San Antonio, Tex.; primary training at Fort Stockton, Tex., and then advanced to Goodfellow and Moore fields, in Texas.

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More than 60 Iowa youths were graduated in ceremonies Friday, it was reported from Randolph Field in Tex., headquarters of the command.

"Frink Wins Pilot wings, Commission," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 3 October 1943, page 12; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

About a year later, Herbert Frink graduated from a course in scientific aerial gunnery.

Second Lt. Herbert W. Frink, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street, is among those recently graduated from a post-graduate course in scientific aerial gunnery at the Matagorda Peninsula airbase, Matagorda, Tex. He is now stationed at Moore field, Tex., where he received his wings and commission in September, 1943. Lieutenant Frink is expected home on a leave Oct. 20.

"Second Lt. Herbert W. Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 18 September 1944, page 8; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

In November 1944, Herbert Frink won the Buzz Wagner trophy.

#### Frink Captures Wagner Trophy

Lt. Herbert W. Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street, gunnery instructor at Moore field, Tex., became the fourth pilot to win the coveted Buzz Wagner trophy last week at Matagorda Island, Tex., during the annual army air forces fixed gunnery competition for flying instructors and student pilots of all advanced fighter training schools in the country. The trophy, presented by the citizens of Johnstown, Pa., in honor of Lt. Col. Boyd D. Wagner, famous army air forces pilot recently killed in a plane crash, is now in the possession of the officers' club at Moore field. Lieutenant Frink also holds a badge for being an expert pistol shot.

"Frink Captures Wagner Trophy," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 7 November 1944, page 8; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 30 March 2022).





In 1945, Herbert and his brother were both placed on inactive duty.

Flight Officer Maurice Frink and First Lt. Herbert W. Frink, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Frink, 303 Locust street, have been put on inactive status with the army air forces. Maurice, whose wife resides at 214 East Thompson avenue, was commissioned in March this year and was stationed at Selma, Ala., before being discharged. Herbert was commissioned Oct. 1, 1943, and has been stationed at Moore field, Tex. His wife is residing with his parents.

"Flight Officer Maurice Frink," The Courier (Waterloo, Iowa), 10 October 1945, page 5; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 30 March 2022).

# Elizabeth Minnick

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Have you ever found a record on Find a Grave that you think might be an ancestor's sibling but can't find that one document to prove it? That's where I stand with the record for Elizabeth Minnick.

**Elizabeth Minnick**  
BIRTH unknown  
DEATH 1926  
BURIAL Yates Center Cemetery  
Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, USA [Add to Map](#)  
PLOT Section 9, Lot 19  
MEMORIAL ID 133242222 · [View Source](#)  
[SHARE](#) [SAVE TO](#) [SUGGEST EDITS](#)

Find a Grave, database and images, Find a Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) : viewed online 3 April 2022), memorial for Elizabeth Minnick (? – 1926), Find a Grave Memorial no. 133242222, created by Travis Campbell, citing Yates Center Cemetery, Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas; Elizabeth Minnick.

I think the Elizabeth Minnick buried in Yates Center, Kansas is Mary Elizabeth Minnick, daughter of John and Elizabeth Minnick of Henry County, Illinois. If so, then she would be the sister of my great-grandmother, Emeline Minnick Mentzer.

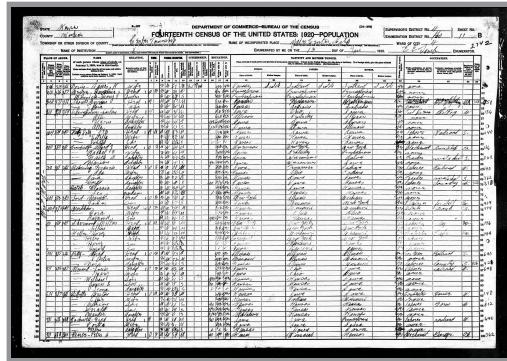
Even though the cemetery record provides a death year, I have not been able to find an obituary in the Woodson County, Kansas papers nor in the Henry County, Illinois papers. Thus, I don't have a document verifying this relationship.

However, I do have census records that place Mary E. Minnick in Woodson County, Kansas. In 1915, Mary E Minnick was living in the household of Mrs. Emeline Mentzer in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas.

1915 Kansas Census, Woodson County, 1905 State Census, Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, page 33 Image 65 of 150, family 284, Mrs. Emeline Mentzer; digital image, Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 17 May 2021); Kansas State

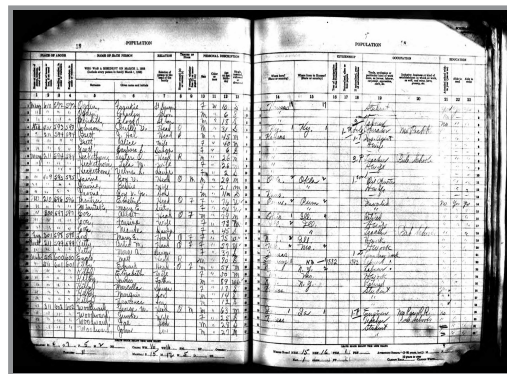
## Historical Society

Again in 1920, Mary E Minnick is listed in the household of Emaline Mentzer. This census record identifies Mary E. Minnick as a sister of Emaline Mentzer.



1920 U.S. Census, Woodson County, Kansas, population schedule, Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, ED 160, Sheet 11B, household 276, Mentzer Emaline; digital image, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online November 2017); NARA microfilm publication T625

Again in 1925, Mary E Minnick was listed as a sister to Emeline Mentzer in the Woodson County, Kansas census.



1925 Kansas census, Woodson County Kansas, State Census, Yates Center, Woodson County, KS, page 18 Image 68 of 121, family 596, Emiline Mentzer; digital image, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 17 May 2021)

All of the census records refer to Emeline Mentzer's sister as Mary E. Minnick and not as Lizzie. However, in 1924, a death notice appears in the Woodson County Journal for a niece of Emeline. This article also identifies Lizzie Minnick.

Mrs. W. F. Stotler, a niece of Mrs. George Mentzer and Miss Lizzie Minnick, died June 15 at her home in Shenandoan, Iowa.

"Local News," Woodson County Journal (Yates Center, Kansas), 26 June 1924, page 3; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 3 April 2022).

I don't have an obituary or a death certificate to confirm that the Lizzie Minnick buried in 1926 in Yates Center is in fact the sister of Emeline Minnick Mentzer. However, the census and newspaper records support the possibility that the Lizzie Minnick buried in Yates Center is Mary E. Minnick, sister of Emeline Minnick.

# Minnick Descendants

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Descendants of John Minnick of Henry County, Illinois

**1- John Minnick-1696**

b: 22 June 1822, Carlisle, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 21 April 1903, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

**+ Elizabeth Mary Jones-1806**

b: about 1816, Pennsylvania, United States

m: 28 October 1843, Carlisle, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 20 July 1869, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

..... **2- Wilson J. Minnick-1807**

b: 28 August 1844, Franklin, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 15 January 1914, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

..... **+ Ella Youngson-4579**

b: 1848

m: 10 November 1869, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

d: 2 August 1924, Chautauqua, New York, United States

..... **3- Margaret Minnick-21449**

b: 10 August 1870, Illinois, United States

d: 20 April 1955, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States

..... **+ William H McKelvy-21452**

m: 23 March 1897, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

..... **3- John Graff Youngson-21448**

b: 19 June 1874, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 19 February 1962, Plum, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

..... **3- Mary M. Minnick-21446**

b: 1878, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 2 June 1878, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

..... **3- Alberta Rose Minnick-21447**

b: 2 November 1879, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 25 April 1912, Perry, Wyoming, New York, United States

..... **+ John Edward Martin-21450**

b: 2 May 1876, Darlaston, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom

m: September 1904, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, United States

d: 30 July 1965, Royal Oak, Oakland, Michigan, United States

..... **4- William McKelvy Martin-21451**

b: 25 October 1907, Rochester, Monroe, New York, United States

d: 25 November 1987, Glendale, Los Angeles, California, United States

..... **2- Ruhanah Minnick-1808**

b: about 1847, Pennsylvania, United States

..... **2- Emeline Minnick-1695**

b: 26 August 1848, Pittsburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania

d: 13 September 1927, Woodson, Kansas, United States

..... **+ George Mentzer-1694**

b: 12 June 1838, Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States

m: 1 January 1868, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

d: 19 January 1912, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 3- **Charles Oliver Mentzer-1709**  
 b: 1 July 1869, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 d: 15 August 1955, Newman Hospital, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **Nettie Adell Wells-1710**  
 b: 5 February 1873, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 m: 18 October 1893, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 9 February 1939, Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Gladys Olive Mentzer-1711**  
 b: 9 July 1894, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 2 June 1977, Kansas Christian Home, Newton, Harvey, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Paul Emory Mentzer-1712**  
 b: 28 March 1896, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 14 August 1942, Charles Maxwell Hospital, Lamar, Prowers, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 4- **Pauline Edith Mentzer-9796**  
 b: 28 March 1896, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 16 July 1984, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Leslie George Mentzer-1713**  
 b: 23 August 1898, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 19 April 1988, Countryside Estates, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Herbert Wells Mentzer-1714**  
 b: 20 July 1900, a farm northwest of Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 25 March 1977, Allen County Hospital, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 3- **John Frederick Mentzer-1721**  
 b: 3 March 1871, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 d: 16 May 1943, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **Anna May Wells-1720**  
 b: 12 June 1868, Pleasant Hill (historical), Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 m: 27 March 1895, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 7 May 1938, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Hazel Adell Mentzer-1750**  
 b: 19 May 1896, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 24 January 1985  
 ..... 4- **Cecile Marie Mentzer-1751**  
 b: 7 November 1897, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 28 August 1980, Allen County Hospital, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Lelia Pearl Mentzer-1748**  
 b: 26 April 1899, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1 October 1981, Riverside, Riverside, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Marjorie Emma Mentzer-1746**  
 b: 18 September 1901, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 8 December 1962, Whittier, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Wilfred Francis Mentzer-1745**  
 b: 29 January 1903, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 6 May 1972, Montebello, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Harley Wells Mentzer-1752**  
 b: 13 June 1904, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 27 March 1984, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Mildred Mabel Mentzer-1747**  
 b: 5 October 1906, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 12 December 1991, Orange, Orange, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Aleta Doris Mentzer-1749**

b: 8 June 1909, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 19 June 1997, Oklahoma, United States  
 ..... 3- **Susan May Mentzer-1734**  
 b: 28 February 1873, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 6 January 1909, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 ..... + **Charles Edward Tunncliff-1742**  
 b: 26 September 1874, Page, Iowa, United States  
 m: 29 September 1902, Fort Morgan, Morgan, Colorado, United States  
 d: 26 December 1963, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 3- **Henry Arnold Mentzer-1735**  
 b: 31 December 1874, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1955  
 ..... + **Augusta May Litton-1741**  
 b: 1878  
 m: 25 June 1903, home of Charles Litton, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1963  
 ..... 4- **Leonard Wayne Mentzer-1922**  
 b: 16 June 1918, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 14 July 1918, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Dixie L. Mentzer-1921**  
 b: 18 March 1909, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1 February 1960, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 3- **Philip Embry Mentzer-1736**  
 b: 22 February 1877, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 16 July 1952, Neosho Memorial Hospital, Chanute, Neosho, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **Anna May Schoepflin-1743**  
 b: 11 October 1879, Douglas, Kansas, United States  
 m: 25 October 1905, home of M. Schoepflin, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 27 September 1942, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Phillip Mentzer-4765**  
 ..... 4- **Howard Walter Mentzer-1923**  
 b: 17 February 1909  
 d: 28 February 1992, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 4- **Edna LaVerne Grace Mentzer-4766**  
 b: before 7 December 1911  
 d: 7 December 1911  
 ..... 4- **Loren Willis Mentzer-1924**  
 b: 12 September 1913, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 17 February 1984, Gassville, Baxter, Arkansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Ivan Emery Mentzer-1925**  
 b: 16 June 1921, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 22 August 2010, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 3- **Earnest Everett Mentzer-1739**  
 b: 10 May 1880, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: August 1965  
 ..... + **Edith May Dumond-1836**  
 b: 25 October 1885, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 m: 1 June 1910, home of Mrs. Mary Dumond, Rose, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: about 28 June 1961, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **George Edward Mentzer-4583**  
 b: 9 April 1911, Woodson, Kansas, United States



d: 7 October 1986, Reno, Washoe, Nevada, United States  
 ..... 4- **Ernest Talmadge Mentzer-1837**  
 b: 20 November 1912  
 d: 29 June 2017, Newton, Jasper, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 4- **Fleta Francis Mentzer-1838**  
 b: 21 May 1914, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 30 August 1974, 90602 Whittier, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Austin Maxwellton Mentzer-1839**  
 b: 29 December 1915, Kansas, United States  
 d: 15 June 1997, Ensign, Gray, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Willard Keith Mentzer-1840**  
 b: 6 December 1917, Kansas, United States  
 d: 11 May 2015, Nevada, United States  
 ..... 4- **Merrill Burdette Mentzer-1841**  
 b: 4 April 1919, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 10 December 2013, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Norman Laddie Mentzer-1842**  
 b: 20 May 1920, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 15 October 1920, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Norryce Franklin Mentzer-1843**  
 b: 25 October 1921  
 d: 26 January 2012, Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington, United States  
 ..... 4- **Juanita Winnifred Mentzer-1844**  
 b: 20 May 1923, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 5 April 2009, Middlesex  
 ..... 4- **Lovell Jennings Mentzer-1845**  
 b: 21 January 1926, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 19 April 1945, Nuremberg, Germany  
 ..... 4- **Donald Dumond Mentzer-1846**  
 b: 6 March 1928, Kansas, United States  
 d: 15 February 1988, Reno, Washoe, Nevada, United States  
 ..... 3- **Clara Edith Mentzer-1737**  
 b: 20 September 1882, Mentzer homestead, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 20 December 1970, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Douglas, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **John Wesley Williams-1744**  
 b: 7 December 1878, Liberty Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 m: 2 April 1903, home of G. W. Mentzer, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 21 July 1957, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Glenn Monroe Williams-1926**  
 b: 21 September 1903, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 11 October 1944, Larned, Pawnee, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Goldie Marie Williams-1927**  
 b: 22 August 1905, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 25 December 1996, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Edith Emma Williams-1683**  
 b: 1 January 1907, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 26 June 1993, Junction City, Geary, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **John Harold Williams-1928**  
 b: 20 March 1908, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 28 May 1980, Tacoma, Pierce, Washington, United States  
 ..... 4- **Leo Leonard Williams-1929**



b: 2 January 1910, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 24 March 1995, Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Freddie Lloyd Williams-1930**  
 b: 19 October 1911, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 18 September 1973, Tooele, Tooele, Utah, United States  
 ..... 4- **Helen Dove Williams-1931**  
 b: 21 December 1912, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 18 August 1993, Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **George Wesley Williams-1932**  
 b: 25 February 1915, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1 June 1979, Hillcrest Nursing Home, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4- **Clifford Wayne Williams-1933**  
 b: 27 November 1916, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 5 March 2003, Renton, King, Washington, United States  
 ..... 4- **Letha May Williams-1934**  
 b: 1 October 1918, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 29 April 1979, Osteopathic Hospital, Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, United States  
 ..... 4- **Doris Ann Williams-1935**  
 b: 16 February 1920, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 5 March 2010, Westminster, Carroll, Maryland, United States  
 ..... 4- **Verna Lucille Williams-1936**  
 b: 5 July 1921, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 7 March 2004  
 ..... 3- **Clarence Albert Mentzer-1738**  
 b: 7 April 1887, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 23 January 1919, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... + **Grace Graham-1740**  
 b: 2 December 1889  
 m: 7 May 1913, Methodist parsonage, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 20 February 1989  
  
 ..... 2- **Barbara Ellen Minnick-1809**  
 b: 26 December 1849, Pennsylvania, United States  
 d: 18 July 1931, San Diego, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... + **Oliver Hannibal Frink-1812**  
 b: 26 May 1848, Elkhart, Indiana, United States  
 m: 12 April 1870, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 d: 25 July 1916, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 3- **Annette "Nettie" Frink-4536**  
 b: 16 July 1871  
 d: 11 August 1938  
 ..... + **George O Cogley-13476**  
 b: 1869  
 m: 10 August 1893, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1899  
 ..... 4- **Marjorie Cogley-13477**  
 b: 7 March 1899, Iowa, United States  
 d: 17 November 1975  
 ..... 4- **Paul F Cogley-18354**  
 b: 26 June 1894, Clarinda, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 7 November 1972, Riverside, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Margaret Cogley-18364**

b: 4 February 1897  
 d: 13 December 1897  
 ..... + **Carroll Dumont Baker-18363**  
 b: 8 July 1870, Skowhegan, Somerset, Me  
 m: 3 July 1916, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d:  
 ..... 3- **Mary Elizabeth "Libbie" Frink-18353**  
 b: 19 January 1873, Bingham, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 15 June 1924, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 ..... + **Willis F. Stotler-18362**  
 b: 10 August 1866, Wayne, Iowa, United States  
 m: 10 May 1894, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 24 March 1944, Orangeburg, South Carolina, United States  
 ..... 4- **Mildred Iona Statler-21456**  
 b: 27 August 1896, Essex, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 February 1986, El Cajon, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Willis Frederick Stotler Jr.-21455**  
 b: 26 July 1898, Pierce Township, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 19 September 1974, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Donald Charles Stotler-21453**  
 b: 26 January 1901, Essex, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 8 June 1961, Hot Springs, Fall River, South Dakota, United States  
 ..... 4- **Clara Lucille Stotler-21454**  
 b: 23 December 1910, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 16 May 1983, Orlando, Orange, Florida, United States  
 ..... 3- **Walter Frink-18352**  
 b: 29 April 1875, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 9 July 1875, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 3- **George Oliver Frink-4535**  
 b: 26 August 1876  
 d: 10 January 1882  
 ..... 3- **Bertha L. Frink-4537**  
 b: 9 April 1880, Fremont, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 September 1953, San Diego, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... + **Frank M. Stotler-18368**  
 b: 17 July 1869, Page, Iowa, United States  
 m: 13 September 1900, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1 August 1967, La Mesa, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... 4- **Helen Stotler-18365**  
 b: 11 October 1906, Hamburg, Fremont, Iowa, United States  
 d: 22 April 2000  
 ..... 4- **Bruce Edwin Stotler-18367**  
 b: 16 May 1915, Washington, United States  
 d: 17 December 1987, Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona, United States  
 ..... 4- **Sheldon Charles Stotler-13472**  
 b: 12 September 1904, Lawrence, South Dakota, United States  
 d: 29 June 1965, California, United States  
 ..... 3- **Grace Frink-4531**  
 b: 11 February 1882, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 June 1953, San Diego, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... + **Warren Rawson Worden-18360**  
 b: 19 February 1881

m: 20 June 1906, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 2 March 1919, Lancaster, Nebraska, United States  
 ..... 4- **George Oliver Worden-18361**  
 b: 6 April 1907, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 October 1954, San Diego, California, United States  
 ..... 3- **Mabel Frink-4532**  
 b: 22 January 1884, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1 October 1903  
 ..... 3- **Harvey Frink-4507**  
 b: 23 October 1886, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 5 August 1958, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, United States  
 ..... + **Betty H Fitzgerald-21458**  
 b: 30 July 1894, Dodge City, Ford, Kansas, United States  
 d: 20 April 1983  
 ..... 3- **Irene Fanny Frink-4515**  
 b: 28 September 1889, Bingham, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1966  
 ..... + **Grover Whitney Brown-18350**  
 b: 23 January 1889, Ida Grove, Ida, Iowa  
 m: 29 August 1917, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 27 August 1958, Page, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 4- **Evelyn Ruth Brown-Murphy-21460**  
 b: 19 January 1921, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 5 October 2011, Glenview, Northfield Township, Cook, Illinois, United States  
 ..... 4- **Benjamin "Ben" Whitney Brown-21459**  
 b: 16 July 1924, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 8 November 2009, Princeton, Mille Lacs, Minnesota, United States  
 ..... 4- **Robert Grover Brown-18351**  
 b: 25 April 1926, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 10 August 2020, Indianola, Warren, Iowa  
 ..... 3- **Warren Minnick Frink-4513**  
 b: 11 October 1894, Iowa, United States  
 d: 8 January 1970  
 ..... + **Ellen N. Weiss-18391**  
 b: 1896  
 m: 16 October 1915, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 1967  
 ..... 4- **Herbert Frink-18392**  
 b: 26 April 1916, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 24 September 1987, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 4- **Maurice Fred Frink-13482**  
 b: 27 January 1919, Aurora, Kane, Illinois, United States  
 d: 1 June 2004, Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 4- **Marcia Elizabeth Frink-13484**  
 b: 21 June 1922, Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States  
 d: 16 January 2001, Cedar Falls, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
 ..... 4- **Richard Frink-18393**  
 b: 4 August 1928, Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
 d: 24 July 2004, Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa, United States  
  
 ..... 2- **Mary E. Minnick-1810**  
 b: about 1851, Pennsylvania, United States

d. 1926 Woodson County, Kansas

. . . . . 2- **Susan Loretta Minnick-1811**

b: about 1853, Pennsylvania, United States

. . . . . + **Edward Halterman-11217**

b: 1855

m: 3 August 1878, Clarinda, Page, Iowa, United States

+ **Phebe Tripp-6423**

m: 1 March 1870, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

d: 1 November 1889, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States

# Anniversary Party

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Have you ever wanted a quick, easy way to build a F.A.N (friends, acquaintances and neighbors) club list? If so, have you tried the 'Local News' columns in the newspapers? I just found a story about a 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mentzer.

Sunday, March 28th, being the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mentzer of West Center, their relatives, friends and neighbors to the number of one hundred and twenty gathered at their home and with well filled baskets helped them to celebrate the event. A bounteous dinner was served cafeteria style by the guests to which all did justice. Music was furnished by the young people and just before leaving, Mr. R. V. Green, in behalf of all present, presented a plate of silver to Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer to be used as a remembrance of the occasion. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mentzer, C. O. Mentzer, Ike Terrill, Clint Wells, Frank Dawson, J. Jackson, E. E. Mentzer, J. W. Williams, P. E. Mentzer, H. A. Mentzer, H. A. Wrampe, Lee Easum, H. K. Weide, Wesley Weide, Harry Bacon and families, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Vaughn, Ed Lewis, Chris Herold, Lewis Wrampe, Van Valkenburg, R. V. Greene, Mrs. Emma Mentzer, Mary Horney, Susie Cope, Grace Mentzer, Misses Catherine Lewis, Lulu Herold, Mary, Alvena and Emma Wrampe, Flossie VanValkenburg, and M. E. Minnick Mr. August Wrampe, Logan Lewis, Lee Horney, Ed Herold, Clarence Wrampe, Harry Easum, Paul Weide, Arthur Bacon, John and Leon VanValkenburg and Judge Cope.

"Clubs and Society," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 2 April 1920, page 8; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 3 April 2022).

**Clubs and Society**  
Cut flowers, floral designs of all occasions, Butler Pharmacy.  
The Music Study Club will meet with Mrs. C. G. Plumb next Monday, April 5.  
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**DO YOU LOVE YOUR WIFE**  
The hot days are coming and her kitchen work will be hard at the best.

Copying automobile trucks to use in hauling. Government figures show that as an average all over the United States it costs 15 cents to haul a ton of farm products a mile with a motor truck where it costs 80 cents to haul a ton of products a mile with horses.  
With this opportunity of reducing his hauling cost 50 per cent it is only natural that the farmer should be turning to the motor truck as a means of getting his produce into town.  
This matter of hauling is only one of the things in which the farmer is beginning to consider very carefully the cheapest way of doing anything. He has come to realize that every hour he spends in doing unproductive labor means an increase in the cost of producing his yearly

Mentzer, Misses Catherine Lewis, Lulu Herold, Mary, Alvena and Emma Wrampe, Flossie VanValkenburg, and M. E. Minnick, Mr. August Wrampe, Logan Lewis, Lee Horney, Ed Herold, Clarence Wrampe, Harry Easum, Paul Weide, Arthur Bacon, John and Leon VanValkenburg and Judge Cope.

# Friday Finds

Friday, April 15, 2022

Do you have old handwritten notes in your genealogy files? I have lots of pages of such notes. Whether looking at a book or microfilm, I often took notes instead of making photocopies.

One of those pages of notes was from a biography of George W. Crawford found in the book, Biographical History of Tippecanoe, white, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, Volume I.

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Source: Tippecanoe, White Jasper Newton Benton Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, Volume I	Depository:
Surnames: Crawford	Date searched: 5/1/97
p. 335 George W. Crawford	
Parents: William Allen and Luitia (Snodgrass) Crawford - came to Ind in 1829	
William A. Crawford b. 23 July 1803 Ky. d. 15 Mar 1827 d. 24 Apr 1854	
Luitia Snodgrass b. 22 July 1805 Harrison Co Ky. parents: Samuel and Sarah (Sullivan) Snodgrass 19 yrs old moved to Preble Co Ohio	
7 sons 4 dau. Surviving sons were: George W. John D. David Lebanon, Harvey of Dodge City, Margaret, Sarah Elizabeth.	
No issues None of the Smiths fit the family	

Fortunately, this book is one of the many digitized and found on Archive.org. Thus, I was able to transcribe the entire biography of George W. Crawford.

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George Crawford Biography

Biographical History of Tippecanoe, White, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1899

p. 398

Born on the old homestead which he now owns and occupies, in Pike township, Warren county, George W. Crawford is one of the honored old residents of this locality. His parents, William Allen and Luitia (Snodgrass) Crawford, were pioneers of this county, as they came here in 1829, and entered the identical tract of land now in the possession of George W. and cultivated by him for many years.

William A. Crawford was born in Kentucky, July 23, 1803, and was but two years old when his parents took him to Preble county, Ohio. There he grew to manhood, and was married to Miss Snodgrass March 15, 1827, and within two years the young couple came to this section of Indiana. Here they bravely mastered the difficulties of frontier life, and by industry and preserving labor made a comfortable home in the wilderness and reared their children to be good and useful citizens in whatever community they should dwell.

Every one who knew them was their friend and their house was an example of unlimited cheer and hospitality. Faithful and consistent members of the Christian church, their daily lives were beautiful reflections of that of the Master who disciples they professed to be. The father passed to the better land April 24, 1854. The mother, born in Harrison county, Kentucky, July 22, 1805, a child of Samuel and Sarah (Sellars) Snodgrass, is still living. Though now in her ninety-fourth year, she is remarkably sound in mind and body, and her senses of sight and hearing are but little impaired. She was about nineteen years of age when she went with her parents to Preble county, Ohio, and there she was married. She became a typical frontiers-woman, brave, self-possessed, industrious and self-reliant and in the first years of her residence in this section she had abundant need of all the fortitude and endurance which she possessed. She was equal to the burdens placed upon her, and imparted strength and courage to every

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one who came within range of her helpful, fearless nature. Her home is now made with her daughter, Mrs. Robb, of West Lebanon, Warren county.

William A. and Lutitia Crawford were the parents of seven sons and four daughters. Two of the sons, James Samuel and William Marion, were heroes of the war of the Rebellion — heroes whose lives were offered up willing sacrifices to their loved country. Both enlisted in Company E, Eighty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry. James S. was taken prisoner at the battle of Murfreesboro, and died in the hands of the Confederates; and William M. died at Camp Dennison, September 6, 1862. The eldest daughter, Jane married Benton Williams and died a number of years ago. Three other children died in early life. The surviving members of the family are George W., John D., of West Lebanon; Harvey of Dodge City, Kansas, Margaret, wife of Bolivar Robb, of West Lebanon; and Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Henry A. Houpt, of Pike township.

George W. Crawford was born October 30 1846, and has never lived at any other place than on the old homestead. He is a practical and successful farmer and is highly respected by a large circle of friends and well-wishers. Socially, he is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Woodmen of the World, and in his political views he is an uncompromising Republican. One of the notable and interesting events of his somewhat uneventful life was the journey through the western states, commonly known hereabout as the "Pilgrimage," and frequently mentioned in this work, in connection with the history of the participants of this delightful trip. It was made in the autumn of 1891, and over two months were spent by these seven old friends and neighbors in visiting the chief points of interest in the western states, National Park, etc.

January 4, 1875, G. W. Crawford married Miss Sarah E. Porter, daughter of Elias Porter, a pioneer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have a son and a daughter, named respectively Donald Porter and Stella L.

This biography is NOT for my line of Crawfords but for the James and Martha (Knight) line. Since my family seemed to migrate alongside James and Martha, there are quite a few details in this biography that may help with researching my line.

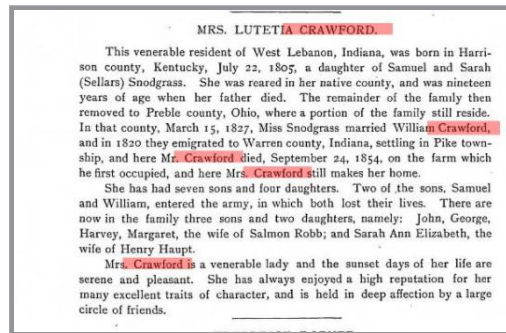
- 1803 – Kentucky – William A. Crawford's place of birth
- 1805 – Harrison County KY – Lutitia's place of birth / residence of Samuel and Sarah (Sellars) Snodgrass
- 1824 – Preble County, OH – approximate arrival time of Snodgrass family
- 1827 – Preble County OH – William A. Crawford married Miss Snodgrass
- 1829 – Warren County, IN – William and Lutitia arrival

Not only does this biography help me build a timeline, but viewing the digital copy of the



book contains a hint of a second volume which is not part of my handwritten notes. In the index, there is an entry for George W Crawford and Lutitia Crawford. The page number for Lutitia was 885 which is greater than the number of pages in the book I viewed. A search of Google turned up a digital copy of Volume 2 in the Indiana State Library collection.

On page 885 is a biography of Mrs. Lutetia Crawford which is very similar to the information about her in the George W. Crawford biography.



A search of volume II for the word, Crawford, turned up another biography related to the James and Martha Crawford family. On page 953, is the biography of Parmenas G. Smith. The wife of Parmenas Smith was identified as Eliza M. Shankland, daughter of David Shankland and his wife, Sarah Crawford. Since Sarah was a daughter of James and Martha Crawford, Eliza Shankland was their granddaughter. Thus, this biography will also help build the timeline for the travel of the Crawford families.

Biographical History of Tippecanoe, White, Jasper, Newton, Benton, Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, Volume II. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1899.

Digital copy in Indiana State Library Digital Collections / <https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p1819coll6/id/24466>

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Parmenas G. Smith

Parmenas G. Smith, who after a life of industry and indefatigable toil is now spending the evening of his span of years in retirement at his pleasant home in West Lebanon, Warren county, is a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, his birth having occurred October 9, 1821. He was one of the eight children, three of whom were sons, of George W. and Mary Smith, who in

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1830 emigrated to Vermilion county, Illinois. Two of the sons and two of the daughters still living. The father, George W. Smith, died March 30, 1853.

It was in 1840 that P. G. Smith came to Warren county, and December 11th of that year his marriage to Eliza M. Shankland was celebrated. She is a daughter of David Shankland, one of the early pioneers of this county. Born in Nicholas county, April 9, 1795, a son of John Shankland, who had located in that state soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, he left home at twenty years of age and dwelt for a few years in Ohio. He was married in Preble county, that state, September 27, 1817, to Sally Crawford,



whose brother William was a pioneer of Warren county. In October, 1829, David Shankland, wife and six children arrived in this county and took up their abode upon government land in Pike township. There the father cleared a fine farm and resided until his death, Jun 11, 1872, the result of an accident, he having been thrown from his wagon. His wife, who was in the wagon, also, was badly injured, but recovered. She died April 16, 1875. They were esteemed members of the Christian church, and were relied upon to do all within their power in support of good causes. He was very fond of music, possessed a fine voice, and at various times taught a singing school with marked success. In the early days of his residence here he had fine sport as a hunter, as wolves, deer and other wild game were abundant, and he was an excellent marksman. Three of the six children who accompanied him to this state survive: Mrs. Smith; David, now of the state of Oregon; and Mrs. Sarah Byers, of Steuben township, Warren county.

The eldest child of P. G. Smith and wife, and their only son, Columbus, died when two years and three months old. Their four daughters are, respectively: Jane, wife of George W. Compton; Mrs. Amanda M. Cronkhite; Sally J., wife of Joseph Whitten; and Anna M. Mrs William Siddens.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are devoted members of the Christian church, and have endeavored to embody in their lives the noble principles in which they believe. They have tried to aid and uplift their fellow men, lending a helping hand to the poor and needy, and cheering and sympathizing with those in trouble.

## Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, April 16, 2022

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### Defense Program Takes Higgins from Teaching

Arlie Higgins is a former Seneca young man who is called from school work by the national defense program. Arlie has been high school principal at Florence, Kansas, where he has taught three years. He is a member of the Reserve Officers corps of the army as well as a teacher and the army now comes first. Arlie was here the first of the



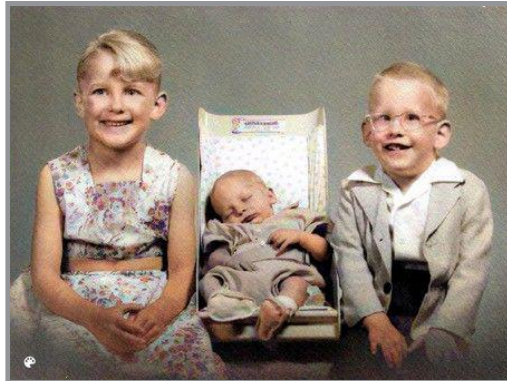
# Easter

Sunday, April 17, 2022

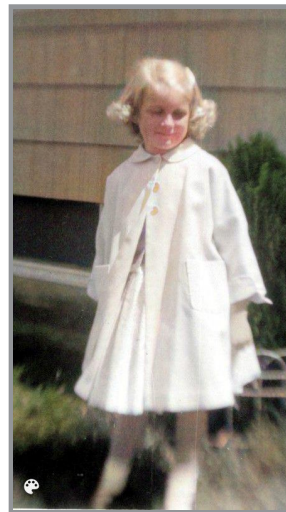
This is my Easter post from last year.

Growing up, did you have something new to wear for Easter? Looking back at family photos, it appears that I and my brothers did have 'Easter' outfits.

I'm almost 5 – Possibly Easter time



I'm almost 6



I'm almost 8



Even though I think the 'Easter Outfits' tradition continued into our teens, the pictures of those outfits likely have not survived.

# Land on the Wabash

Monday, April 18, 2022

Have you ever tried to track down land deeded in a will, especially when the will doesn't provide a specific description of the land? That's my case when trying to identify the land Zebulon Foster received thru the will of his father, Richard Foster.

I will and bequeath unto my  
third son Zebulon Foster all the lands I have in the State  
of Indiana on the **waters of the Wabash River** as follows  
to wit: That if it should be considered that the said lands  
at first cost should be more than his equal share of my  
estate hereafter then he shall pay back the overpaid to the  
said estate, and I also give to him one sorrel mare in  
consideration of services rendered since he was of age, not  
to be accounted as any part of his legacy.

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977054 DGS 8071879. Richard Foster, June 1831 Vol 11: page 420; digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 17 March 2022.

Fortunately, Richard Foster made it easy to find this land since he purchased the land from the U.S. government. In all Richard Foster purchased four pieces of land

West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10 Township 21 Range 9

Certificate  
No. 6762

The United States of America  
To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Richard Foster, of Pike county, Ohio  
has deposited in the General Land office of the United States, a certificate of the Register  
of th Land Office at Crawfordsville  
whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Richard Foster  
according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled, "An  
act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the West half of the South East quarter of Section ten, in township twenty one North of  
range nine West in the District of Lands offered for sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana,  
containing eighty acres

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land  
Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been pur-  
chased by the said Richard Foster  
Now Know ye, That the United States of America in consideration of the premises, and in  
conformity with the several  
acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by  
these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Richard Foster,  
and to his heirs, the said tract above described. To

Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Richard Foster, and to his heirs and assigns forever

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson  
President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, and of the Independence of the United States the

fifty-third

By the President, A. J.

[G.G.] Commissioner of the General Land Office

Northeast Quarter Section 10 Township 21 Range 9

Certificate

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the North East quarter of Section Ten, in township twenty one North of range Nine West in the District of lands offered for sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Richard Foster

Now Know ye, That the United States of America in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several

acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Richard Foster,

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By the President, A. J.  
[G.G.] Commissioner of the General Land Office

West 1/2 Northwest 1/4 Section 14 Township 21 Range 9

Certificate  
No. 8511

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the West half of the North west quarter of Section fourteen in Township twenty-one, North  
of Range nine West, in the district of lands offered for sale at Crawfordsville  
containing eighty acres

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land  
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affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the first day of October November in the  
year of our

Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine thirty, and of the Independence of the  
United States the  
fifty-fourth fifth

By the President, A. J.  
G. G. E. H. Commissioner of the General Land Office

West 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 15 Township 21 Range 9

Certificate  
No. 8512

The United States of America

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

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of Range nine West, in the district of lands offered for sale at Crawfordsville  
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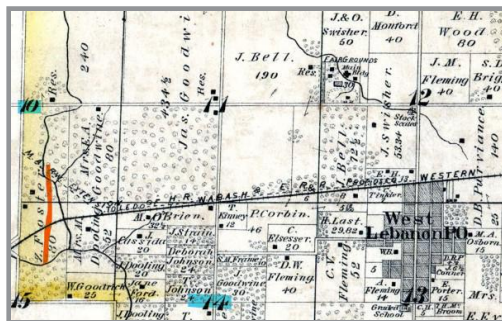
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A search of the First Landowners Project helps me place this land on a map.

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NORTON	MUSGRAVE	BUSH	NIXON	KENT	ATKINS	RUSSELL	FLEMING	SM

Then a look at an 1877 plat map of Warren County reveals that Zebulon Foster still owned the land in Sections 10 and 15. However, the plat map does not indicate an owner of the NE quarter of section 10. Nor does Zebulon Foster own the land that was in section 14.



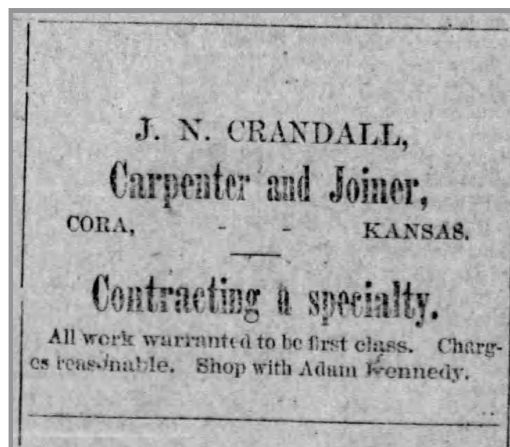
Now that I've identified the 'Land on the Wabash', I need to figure out what happened to the land during Zebulon Foster's lifetime.

# Master Builder

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Have you ever thought about who built the county courthouse, the church or a school in a farming community? I have to admit that I haven't paid attention to who built these older buildings or even when they were built. That was until I started researching my CRANDALL cousins and learned more about John Nafus Crandall.

John Nafus Crandall moved his family from Van Buren County, Iowa to Smith County, Kansas around 1877 or 1878. By 1891, he moved his family to Oregon. While only living in Smith County for a short time, J. N. Crandall left his mark on the communities of Smith County as a carpenter / builder.



In 1884, John N. Crandall was in charge of the construction of the Congregational Church in the small town of Cora.

## The Dedication at Cora

Editor Bulletin: — According to announcement, the Congregational Church at Cora was dedicated on Dec. 7th, 1884. At an early hour teams began to arrive at the church. Many people feeling interested in the church during the progress of building, were often inspecting the workmanship, and felt satisfied that it had been built in a satisfactory manner, and gave the builder, J. N. Crandall great credit for the work, and to J. A. Armistead much credit is due for the style of the painting.

"The Dedication at Cora," Smith County Bulletin (Smith Centre, KS), 12 December 1884, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 13 April 2022).

In December of 1884, J. N. Crandall began work on a new school in Smith Center. An 1885 article in the Smith County Bulletin describes the new school house.

Smith County Bulletin (Smith Centre, Kansas)

29 May 1895

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Our New School House

We enjoyed a few minutes very pleasantly yesterday in visiting our new school house which is now nearly completed. It is two stories high and one of the finest in Northwest Kansas. The building, which is frame is built on a granite stone foundation, and has four school rooms 26 x 36 and the hallway 16 x 30. The building is the plan of our townsman S. S. Hite, built by J. N. Crandall, of Cora, and is one of the best built buildings in the county. The plastering was done by Hon. John c. Davenport, an old plasterers in the city of Indianapolis ind., and is the finest job of plastering without any exception in this part of the country. The painting is done by Jas. Armistead, of Cora, who is just making the entire wood work fairly shine. He is one of the best painters in this country and having an extra job to work on is showing some excellent work. Taking everything into consideration, the building is nearly perfect as it could be made, being almost entirely faultless, and is a credit to our town. The school district officers are to be congratulated upon the building of so fine an edifice for the education of our young, and when school commences we hope that the scholars will remember that they enjoy the luxury of attending school in one of the finest building in the west, and be very careful that it shall never lose any of its beauty by being marred by their carelessness.

"Our New School House," Smith County Bulletin (Smith Centre, KS), 29 May 1885, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 14 April 2022).

Then in 1887, the county commissioners awarded the contract for the construction of a new courthouse to J. N. Crandall and James Broddy.

The board then awarded the contract of building the court house to J. N. Crandall and James Boddy for the sum of \$10,280.10, conditioned that Messrs. Crandall and Boddy file in office of county clerk a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$20,000 for their faithful performance of all work and material. Said award being governed by the contract, plans and specifications now on file in office of county clerk. On motion adjourned.  
Attent, J. N. Beacom, County, Clerk

"Commissioners Proceedings," Smith County Pioneer (Smith Centre, Kansas), 15 September 1887, page 1; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 13 April 2022).

An article in the 23 September 1887 issue of The Lebanon Times provides details about the courthouse.

#### The New Court House

The Bulletin gives the following description of the new court house which is now being erected at Smith Centre, by Boddy & Crandall,, contractors:

The contract for the building was let to contractors Boddy & Crandall on the 7th inst., for \$10,289.10. Their contract provides that work of construction shall commence within four days after signing the contract. The actual work of construction was commenced last Saturday, and is now being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The contract provides that the building shall be completed and ready for occupancy on or before January 1st 1888. The building is to be built of brick upon a foundation of Stone Mound rock, three feet thick, and laid in cement. The brick work from water-table to second floor, is to be 17 inches thick. Above second floor is to be 13 inches thick, This entire building is to be trimmed with cut stone. The cornice, window caps, and door caps are to be of the best galvanized iron. All window and door sills are to be of best quality cast iron. The roof is to be self supporting and covered with tin and shingles.

The building will be 56×80 feet on the ground, and 84 feet to the top of the spire. The first floor will be divided into two rows of offices on either side of a hall, 12 feet wide, running through the entire building and an entrance at either end.

The building will face the west, and on the upper front will be engraved on the solid slab of stone the following, Smith County Court House, 1887.

"The New Court House," The Lebanon Times (Lebanon, Kansas), 23 September 1887, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 13 April 2022).

While these buildings no longer exist, they were a testament to John N. Crandall's skills as a builder.

# Clippings

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Did you happen to receive obituary clippings from an older relative? Thanks to my grandmothers, I was fortunate to receive several obituary clippings.

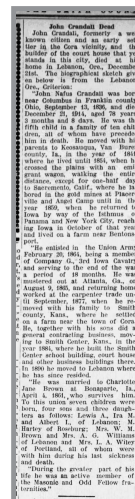
As I was updating my research of John N. Crandall, I found that I have cited such a clipping but cannot find the actual obituary in my files. Thus, I started looking for an obituary for John N. Crandall in Oregon where he was living at the time of his death. I found a short obituary in the Oregon Daily Journal.

John N. Crandall

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 28 – The funeral of John N. Crandall, aged 78, was held last Wednesday with Masonic ritual. Mr. Crandall crossed the plains in 1852 from Iowa, but returned later and served in an Iowa cavalry regiment during the Civil war. About 25 years ago, he brought his family to Oregon and had lived here since. He was born in Ohio September 13, 1826. A widow and seven children survive. The children are Lewis A., Ira M., Albert I., Mrs. Flora L. Brown, Mrs. Lulu Williams, of Lebanon; Mrs. Emma Wiley of Portland, and M. Harley of Roseburg.

"John N. Crandall," The Oregon Daily Journal (Portland, OR), 28 December 1914, page 10; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 13 April 2022).

While this obituary provides some of the same information in the original clipping, it does not provide any information about the buildings John Crandall built in Smith Center. Since I had cited the original clipping for an 1884 occupation fact, I continued searching for another obituary. I was able to find a copy of an Oregon obituary published in the Smith County Pioneer.



John Crandall Dead

John Crandall, formerly a well known citizen and an early settler in the Cora vicinity, and the builder of the court house that yet stands in this city, died at his home in Lebanon, Ore., December 21st. the biographical sketch given below is from the Lebanon, Ore.,



Criterion:

John Nafus Crandall was born near Columbus in Franklin county, Ohio, September 13, 1836, and died December 21, 1914, aged 78 years, 3 months and 8 days. He was the fifth child in a family of ten children, all of whom have preceded him in death. He moved with his parents to Keosauqua, an Buren county, Ia., in the year of 1841, where he lived until 1854, when he crossed the plains with an emigrant wagon walking the entire distane, except for one-half day, to Sacramento, Calif., where he labored in the gold mines at Placerville and Angel Camp until in the year 1859, when he returned to Iowa by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York City, reaching Iowa in October of that year and lived on a farm near Bentonsport.

"He enlisted in the Union Army February 20, 1864, being a member of Company G., 3rd Iowa Cavalry and serving to the end of the war a period of 18 months. He was mustered out at Atlanta, Ga., on August 9, 1865, and returning home worked at the carpenter trade until September, 1877, when he removed with his family to Smith county, Kans., where he settled on a farm near the town of Cora. He, together with his sons did a general contracting business, moving to Smith Center, Kans., in the year 1884, where he built the Smith Center school building, court house and other business buildings there. In 1890 he moved to Lebanon where he has since resided.

"He was married to Charlotte Jane Brown at Bonaparte, Ia., April 4, 1861, who survives him. To this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters as follows: Lewis A., Ira M. and Albert II, of Lebanon; M. Harley of Roseburg; Mrs. w. M. Brown and Mrs. A. G. Williams of Lebanon and Mrs. L. A. Wiley of Portland, all of whom were with him during his last sickness and death.

"During the grater part of his life he was an active member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities."

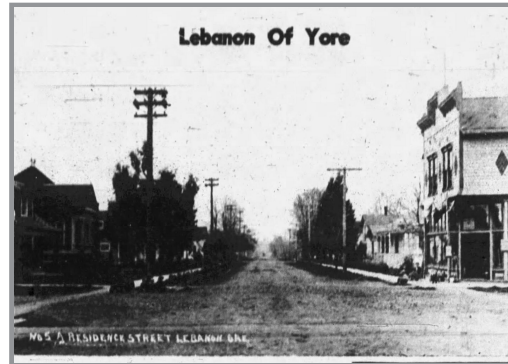
"John Crandall Dead," Smith County Pioneer (Smith Centre, Kansas), 31 December 1914, page 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 14 April 2022).

While I haven't found the Lebanon Oregon paper online, the obituary posted in the Smith County Pioneer provides a lot of detail about the life of John N. Crandall.

# Lebanon, Oregon

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Photo Stirs 'Lebanon of Yore' Memories



By Jo Sommer

Memories of yore have certainly been stirred by the "Lebanon of Yore" picture printed in the Jan. 5 express (page 11). By combining facts given by several informants in telephone conversations, we have compiled a story to go with the picture. It is reprinted here to make it easier for our readers to identify each building.

From the foreground of the photo, we are looking north on Main Street in the intersection of Main and Ash. The store building in the right foreground was built in 1890, by John N. Crandall, grandfather of Mrs. Grace Hardin, 46 E. Vine.

This was the first building constructed by Crandall after he settled here in Lebanon and thereby hangs a tale. It seems Crandall stopped over in Albany for lunch enroute to Roseburg where he planned to settle. While in Albany, he telephoned Frank Miller in Lebanon. The two men had been Civil War buddies.

"Lebanon is a booming little city, John," Miller said, "Why don't you settle down here instead of going on to Roseburg?"

"Well, my tool box has already been shipped to Roseburg, Frank," Crandall explained, "Guess I'd better follow it."

Apparently Miller was a pretty good persuader, however, for Crandall did send for his tool chest and settled here. Mrs. Hardin can still pick out several buildings here in town which were built by him. The historic Providence Church northeast of Lebanon is one of the landmarks constructed by him. Three sons, Ira, Louis and Albert, later followed him to Lebanon and worked with him on some of these buildings. They used to operate a planing mill on Main Street to the present Safeway Shopping center area. Mrs. Harden is a daughter of Ira Crandall.

## Old Post Office

"The store in the photo was the Lebanon Post Office when grandfather first built it," Mrs. Hardin said, "Later it disintegrated into a second hand store. Mrs. Frank Miller, was the first postmaster in that building."

Mrs. Harden recalls that the upper part of the building used to be the meeting place of the McAbee Lodge. Mrs. Glenn Tucker identifies the store as Gallagher Second Hand Store and Guy Mackey and/or Howard Collins recalls the name Win Bogart connected with it. We assume by this fact that it had changed hands through the years.

All agree that the old store was later moved to what is now the Foodtown parking lot

across the street from the Lebanon Express office on Grant Street, Cruise's Paint Store was located there for years. Howard Collins, Route 1, Lebanon, remembers buying a bicycle from Win Bogart when the building was still a second hand store in 1908.

Now back to the photo of the Main and Ash street intersection. The first house beyond the store on the right was the home of Sam Thomas, according to Mrs. Harden's memory. The Crandall home — where Mrs. Harden spent her childhood — is either the second or third house on the right. She does know that it is the one with the tall cedar trees in front of it. This would appear to be the tall one with the chimney showing in the photo.

"I have many memories of our home in that location," she said, "and the board walks which we traveled to and from school. The cedar trees grew to be very large before we sold the property in 1925 and the trees had to be removed."

Mrs. Tucker identifies the trees beyond the cedars as locusts in front of the F. M. Miller house, now Lowe's Trailer Court.

### **Childhood Home Moved**

Mrs. Harden relates here pleasure when the oil company officials who bought their Main Street property asked her if she would like to have her childhood home. It was moved around the corner facing Vine Street and she still lives in it today.

"I hated to see the old tree go, too," she said, "When they had to be moved, we had the limbs taken to the mill and made into lumber. I still have wardrobes lined with the cedar lumber and some of the lumber stacked in the basement. It should be sold and put to good use."

Identifications of homes on the left side of the street scene in the photo are agreed upon by several of our informants, Dr. Laird's home is the first one, located where Sharon's Fine Foods is now. Next is the Joel Mayer home and the third one, behind the trees was Hulda Miller's home.

All who called seem to agree that the second house on the left, the former Mayer home, was moved back on the block and is the one which is now home to Lou Grey (west of Sharon's on Ash Street).

In the left background of the photo (white house) is the Harney place. Even further back in Lebanon history, it was the S. H. Meyer home, Mrs. Harden recalls.

There you have the contents of several phone calls — all resulting from one "Lebanon of Yore" picture.

The Lebanon Express (Lebanon, Oregon)

17 Jan 1966

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# Frink Diary

Friday, April 22, 2022

Some years ago, I was sent a typed copy of Nettie Frink's diary. At the time I received the diary, I only recognized my great-grandfather's name, Charles Mentzer, in the diary. However, after researching the descendants of John Minnick, I now realize that Nettie Frink is my first cousin 3 times removed.

Below is Nettie's diary:

NETTIE FRINK'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS (7/7-8/12/1892).

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Thursday, 7/7/92; Arrived in Kewanee about ten o'clock. Grandpa and Aunt Lib met me at train. Went around through the principal streets and arrived at Aunt Lib's about eleven. Aunt Lib had me go and lie down and I slept until dinner was ready. Helped with the dishes, put on a cooler dress and laid down again until Aunt Lib came and woke me up and said that Millie Porter had come to see me. We had a very pleasant visit. After she had gone, we went down to Aunt Lou's. Carrie and her grandma were there too. After supper we went to prayer meeting. Met quite a number of the young people. Went right to bed as soon as I got home.

Friday, 7/8/92; About ten o'clock Carrie and her Grandmother came down. Then I went back with them. They took us all through the greenhouse. I went in to see Grandpa Tunnicliff's plants. Then came back to Aunt Lib's and wrote a card to the folks at home. Found a man here fixing Aunt Lib's organ. In the afternoon Carrie, Aunt Lib, and I went calling. Called on Mrs. Porter and Aunt Barbarah Keneval. I met Aunt Annie Miner, Cliff, and Fred on way [there] Carrie came to tea with me and stayed all night. Grandpa had me read the chapter in the bible.

Saturday, 7/9/92: We got up about six and after breakfast Aunt Lib, Carrie, and I went down town, saw all of the cousins and saw Frank Miles, went all through Lyman-Lays store. I went to dinner with Carrie. After dinner Carrie and Emma Miner came around after me and we called at Wilse Minnick's, Fan's, Mary Holt's, Will Palmer's, and Addie Rolston's. Stayed to tea there. There were about a dozen of us. Before tea Ern and Fred Miner came around in a surry and took Carrie and I on a nice ride. After tea we had some music. Then Emma, Lula, Ern, Carrie, Fred, and I went out to the lake. We went over to the summer house. Then came back and took a lovely boat ride. Got home a little after ten. The moon was full.

Sunday, 7/10/92: After I made my bed I took a bath and then studied the S.S. lesson. Went to church with Aunt Lib and Grandpa and stayed to S.S. Carrie and Charlie Mentzer came home to dinner with us. After dinner we sang and played until nearly four, then we went out to the old cemetary. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Charley, Carrie, and I. We went around past Miners and Carrie and I stopped in a few minutes. We reached home, got a lunch, started to the Baptist (Church), but met Miss Miles and she told us that Mr. Delano was away so we went to the Methodist Church.

Monday, 7/11/92; Got up early this morning and did what little washing we had to do before nine o'clock. Carrie brought her washing over to Aunt Lib's and we all three

washed. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went over to Carrie's and we all went over to Palmers'. Stopped at the post-office on our way over. Spent a very pleasant afternoon. Stayed to tea, then Uncle Aar took us out and showed us his stock etc. Started home about eight. On the way home Carrie and I stopped in one of the stores and got a Splasher to work on. Stopped into Gambles a few minutes too.

Tuesday, 7/12/92; Carrie came over this morning and we sang a while, then went over to Aunt Lou's, saw Aunt Annie Stone. They were ironing so we didn't stay long, but came home and I ironed my clothes. In the afternoon Carrie, Emma, and I went down to Lula's, stayed to tea. After supper we girls, six of us, Lula, Emma, Bess, Miss Haney, Carrie, and myself [left] to watch the boys play tennis. Watched them about an hour, then went back to Lula's. In the evening Mr. Murchison, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Low, Mr. Hamilton, and Fred Miner came. On our way home we got caught in a storm. I was dripping wet when I reached home.

Wednesday, 7/13/92: Hung my clothes out to dry about the first thing this morning. About ten o'clock I went over after Carrie and we went down to Fan's. When we reached there found her pretty badly used up with toothache. I worked on my splashers, got a good deal done on it. Stayed there to dinner. About five o'clock Lula and Emma called for us and we went down to Mrs. Stanton's. Bess and Mate Haney were there. Alice had fixed lovely bouquets of sweet peas for each of us to wear. We had tea at about half past six. After tea we all went over to Mrs. Gleason's, saw Bird and her baby,. Carrie and I stopped in to Fan's on our way home. Got back about eight or a little after.

Thursday, 7/14./92: I got ready and about ten o'clock went down after Carrie and we went to Uncle Will Minnick's. We spent all most all fore-noon looking at pictures. In the afternoon, we worked on our splashers, tryed the piano, looked at books, went all over the new house, attic and all. About six we had tea, Paul, Zella, Carrie, and I were the only ones ate at our table. Zella came up home with us. We stopped in to see Aunt Susie, She seemed so glad to see us. When I got home, found Aunt Lou and Aunt Annie and Grandma Minnick here,

Friday, 7/15/92; Went down town this morning and got me an india linnen waist. When I got home I wrote a letter to Georgia Nye and helped Aunt Lib on my waist, then set the table for dinner. After dinner we got at my waist again and got it nearly finished. Carrie came over to read her letter to us. Tonight is the first night I've taken tea at home for over a week. About eight o'clock I went around after Carrie and we went for Emma, then went to the party at Palmer's, Had a lovely time, Mr. Hamilton brought Carrie and I home. Got home at twelve,

Saturday, 7/1\_6/92: About ten o'clock this forenoon Carrie and I went down town and had our pictures taken. At noon Grandpa brought me a package from home. Found a silver thimble [and] nice handkerchief in it. Aunt Lib had a chicken for dinner in honor of my birthday. After dinner we went out calling. Called at Gamble's, saw Sue and the baby. From there we went to Mrs. Holmes, Had a very pleasant call, met her sister. Miss Watson, Reached home about six o'clock. After supper Jennie Smailing came in, brought her sister's child, I went to bed about nine o'clock,

Sunday. 7/17/92: Carrie came over to go to church with us. After studying the lesson awhile, we three went to the Baptist church, Harry Miles preached. We were in Annie Miles' class in S,S, After S,S, went to Aunt Lou's for dinner, found Aunt Susie, Willie, and her mother there. After dinner we came back to Aunt Lib's. Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls were here

when we came. After they had gone Charlie Mentzer came, had been to the Y.M.C.A, He hadn't been here long when Ella, Chan, and his wife came. They left the baby at home asleep. When they had gone Carrie and I read out loud to one another, then had tea, and went to the [Me]thodist Church,

Monday, 7/18/92: Had quite a large washing, but got it all out by nine o'clock. Commenced -raining about ten or half-past, got the clothes dry. Carrie and John Tunnicliffe's three little girls came over after me to go to Addie's, Fan's, etc but I felt too tired to. Was glad I didn't when it commenced to rain. Grandpa brought me a letter from Libbie this noon. I finished my splasher this afternoon and sent a letter to the folks. Grandpa brought me some bananas for supper. After supper Aunt Lib and I went over to Grandma' Tunnicliff 's. I read my letter to them. Emma Miner came in while we were there.

Tuesday, 7/19/92; I did all of my ironing before it got so hot. After I did the ironing I went up town, did some trading and got the proof of our pictures. Don't like mine at all, but suppose I'll have to take it. Carrie came over and spent the afternoon with me. Emma and May Smailing were here too. After they had gone, we went up town. Aunt Lib got me a lovely dish of ice cream. After supper I went in and sang, then we went over to Mrs. Van Sickles to call. When we came, back. Grandpa was sitting on the porch. He and I sat there and talked until nearly ten o'clock.

Wednesday, 7/20/92: I was intending to go down to Aar Palmer's- this forenoon, but it was so very warm that I didn't go. Stayed to home and finished my waist. Thought I would go in the afternoon but it rained so. couldn't go. Stayed to home and read out loud to Aunt Lib while she sewed. Reading *Samantha among the Brethren*. After supper we sang some and read out loud to one another. Got half way through the book. Went to bed a little after nine o'clock.

Thursday, 7/21/92: Aunt Lib helped me make my sun-bonnet. Part of the time I would read while she sewed, then she would read while I sewed. Grandpa, brought me a letter from Ma, Grace, and Libbie at noon. After dinner Aunt Lib and I went up town, got me a stand cover to work. On our way home stopped in to see Mrs. John Moffitt and Mrs. Pinny. From Mrs. Pinny's I went on home and read. Just as we were about to sit down to the supper table. Uncle Aar Palmer came around after us in a three seated rig and wanted us to go out riding. We told him we hadn't had our supper yet but he told us to come anyway. So Aunt Lib left [Gran]dpa's supper on the table and we went. Bess, Carrie, and Miss Spicer were in when we got in. Then Uncle Aar drove around and got Aunt Annie Stone, Aunt Lou, and Grace, that made nine of us, three in a seat. He took us on a long ride out to the brick yards and waterworks. They took Aunt Annie home first. Then Aunt Lib and I. Grandpa had gone to [pr]ayer meeting but we didn't get home in time. Ate our supper, then read until Grandpa came home, then we went out to the park to hear the band' play. Got home at half-past nine.

Friday, 7/22/92; Got up at six o'clock and finished reading *Samantha among the Brethren*. After breakfast took a bath then got ready to start to Geneseo. We, Carrie and I, took the train at a quarter of ten. Aunt Lib went down to the depot with us. Passed through two stations, then came to Wyanett crossing, and had to wait there two hours and a half. Waited from eleven to half past one o'clock. Another young lady got off there and I recognized her as Lena Mason's sister. So we had company. There must have been at least fifteen freight trains passed through there while we were there. At half past one we took the Rock Island and Pacific road going northwest passed through four



stations and some beautiful country, so level. When we reached Geneseo no one was there to meet us, but a[ma]n showed us where Mrs. Bliss's house was. We first stopped and got a dish of ice cream, then met Mrs. Bliss coming after us. We washed ourselves up and put on some cooler dresses. Then after supper went out to the park, went and called on Mrs. Steel and daughter. Geneseo is a beautiful little city. Carrie and I went to bed at ten. Jennie had gone on an excursion and when she came home she came in and sat on the bed and talked until nearly eleven.

Saturday, 7/23/92: Got up at about half past seven. After we ate our breakfast Carrie and I worked on our tidyes. Then Jennie came in and wanted to know if we didn't want to go down town, so we three went, stopped into some of the nicest stores, went up into the photograph gallery. When we were coming home Jennie got us a glass of ice-cream soda. When we got home, played Halma until noon. After dinner Jennie, Carrie, Mrs. Bliss, and I took a double seated surry and went out to the Geneseo cemetery. It is a beautiful place. We [w]ent from there four miles southeast in the country to a cousin of Jennie. Went past the farm that Geo. and Flora used to live on. Stayed at Mrs. G until five o'clock or after. They have a nice piano. and we had some music. Miss Salem played for us and so did Before we left we each had a glass of lemonade. When we got back to Geneseo it was nearly seven, but we rode around town until nearly nine. Saw so many nice houses and [lov]ely lawns. We went out to the fair ground north of town and drove around the race track once. When we got home it was after nine, had supper at about half-past nine. Had blueberrys for supper.

Sunday, 7/24./92: After breakfast wo got ready for church. Went to the Congregational church with Jennie and her mother. The sermon and singing were fine. They have a large pipe organ. Stayed to S.S., were in Jennie's class. After S.S., she showed us all through the church, downstairs and up. When we came home, put on cooler dresses and read some before dinner. After dinner Jennie played on the piano for us. About six o'clock Miss Haney came for us. We went to her home, met her sister and brother Dick. Had a nice glass of lemonade. Then went to church with Mate. They have a grand pipe organ there. When we got back, Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet, Jennie, her mother. Grandpa Bliss, Carrie, and I sat out on the porch and talked until eleven o'clock. Then we went in the house, had a lunch, and went to [?]

Monday, 7/25/92; Read almost all forenoon. Jennie had to give two music lessons. Started to Kewanee at one o'clock. Jennie went to the train with us. Had to wait at the crossing an hour and a half, from two until after three. Got into Kewanee a little after four. Aunt Lib didn't expect me on that train so was not there to meet me. When I got home, I washed myself up and worked on my stand cover. Aunt Lib went up town after something and left me here alone. I was too tired to go along. After supper Mrs.. John Moffitt came around in her surry and took us out riding. We went all over town, out to the fair ground and rode around the track. Didn't get home until nearly nine o'clock. Aunt Lib, Grandpa and I sat out on the porch a long time. It was so cool and pleasant.

Tuesday, 7/26/92: We washed today, got all through by half past ten. I wrote a letter to the folks. At noon Grandpa brought me a letter from Bird, and Carrie one from Lida. After dinner I took a bath. Mrs. Van Sickle came over to have Aunt Lib make her a basque. So This afternoon Aunt Lib sewed and I worked on my stand cover. After supper I took Carrie's letter over to her. She read it out loud to Grandma T. and I. Pretty soon Grandpa came and we sat on the porch until quite late.

Wednesday, 7/27/92: About eight o'clock Carrie came up to iron her shally on our ironing



[bo]ard. Then at nine we went down to the greenhouse to see the flowers they were making for Frank Reguah's funeral, but they had just taken them away. Went to the funeral, heard Mr. Delano preach. It was afternoon when we got home. Grandpa didn't go back to work until after two. In the evening Carrie came up then we went over to Smailings. Emma and May went to the social at Dr. Lowe's with us. Had the band there to furnish the music.

Thursday, 7/28/92: Stayed at home all forenoon, read and sewed. Took a short nap before dinner. Was invited to Miner's this afternoon, Carrie, Emma, and I went down town. On our way home, we stopped into Mr. Pierce's a few minutes. Then we went back to Miner's, Pretty soon Bess and Lula came. We had our tea about five o'clock. About that time it began to rain. Aunt Lib brought my rubbers down to me, Mr. Hamilton was there a little while and Clarence Murchison brought Lula's rubbers to her, Carrie and I didn't start home until nearly nine o'clock,

Friday, 7/29/92: Wrote a letter this morning, and helped Aunt Lib with the cakes. Grandpa brought some blue berries home this noon, Carrie came over about four o'clock, Emma Smailing was here, brought their croconole board over for this evening, Millie Porter was here to call, invited us there to tea Monday evening, Mrs. Gamble and Sue were here to call too, Charley Mentzer came into the party, • There were about thirty five here, I , went to supper with Frank and Kate Miles, Carrie stayed all night with me,

Saturday, 7/30/92: After we got the work done up, had a dish of ice cream that was left from the party. About ten o'clock Carrie and I went up town, got our pictures, then went up to Aunt Lou's, stayed there to dinner and supper, then went down to Aaron Palmer's, In the evening, we went up town on a bum, Went and had a dish of ice cream, then went into Lay and Lyman's and got some candy, I went up.to look at their cloaks. When we were going home we met Uncle Aar and Ern, They took us in to a drugstore and got us a glass of whipped cream soda. Went home nearly used up,

Sunday, 7/31/92: Bess, Carrie, and I went to the Catholic church. The church is lovely and was crowded. It was confirmation Sunday, We came away before services were out. Wanted to go to the Methodist S.S. About four o'clock Mr. Stratton came. We sat and talked [unti] nearly five then Carrie and I went home. Charley Mentzer was here when I got here. After tea Aunt Lib and I went to the Baptist, church to Y.P. meeting, but church was locked. Went to the Epworth League and from there to the primitive Methodist to a concert. I was with Bess and Mr. Stratton most of the time.

Monday, 8/1/92: Washed this morning, got through about nine o'clock. Aunt Lib made me a new collar for my wrapper. Went up to Emma Miner's about eleven, stayed until two o'clock. Belle and Fred were there for awhile after dinner. Then we went downtown, went into Joe's store and got the children all something. Took them back home then went and called on the Miles family. From there, we went over to Mr. Porter's for tea. Mrs. Blackburn and Geo.'s wife and baby were there and Mrs. Good, Mill's sister. After tea we played and sang and Blanche Maul danced for us.

Tuesday, 8/2/92: About nine o'clock went over after Carrie. Uncle Aar and Aunt Prudence [were] there. Wo went up to Lyman and Lays and I had Mr. Lyman take my measure for a now jacket. From there we went to Cousin Will Minnick's. Was there to dinner. Met Fred and Nina King. Went from there to Will Palmer's, then to Addie's, then to Lula's, then to Fan's. Alice, Carrie, and I were there to tea. Joe wasn't there. After tea Lula and her mother came over and we all went to look at the house Uncle Geo. has rented. Lula and

Clarence came part way home with me.

Wednesday, 8/3/92: Packed my trunk this morning. About nine o'clock Carrie and I went up to Ella Keneval's to dinner, had dinner about half past eleven. After dinner we went and bid the Miners goodbye, then went over to Grandma Minnicks. Started down to the depot about three. Went in to Lyman & Lays, then went to Uncle Will Minnick's. Aunt Lib, Grandpa, Grandpa Tunnicliff, Ella Keneval, Will Palmer, Clarence Merchison, Mr. Stratton, and Bess were at the train to see us off. Clarence gave me One of his pictures. Got into Galesburg about five o'clock. Uncle John, Grace, Sarah, and Virginia were at the train to meet us. We sat out in the yard until supper time. After supper Uncle John took his surry, and we went riding.. Saw the Knox Co. Courthouse, Knox College and a good many other large buildings. The ride was delightful on the pavements.

Thursday, 8/4./92; After we made our beds, Nat hitched up for us and Carrie, Grace, Sara, [Virgin]a and I went riding. Drove around the city awhile, then went into Brown's shops and uncle John took us all through. We girls went- up as far as we could get into the tower, and had a splendid view of the city. Went down on an elevator, then went all through the Methodist Church, looked at the audience room from the gallery. Went back to the shops with Moses [?]ubbard. When we got home it was nearly noon. Katie and Jimmy Mars were here to dinner. [K]atie stayed all afternoon. We played Old Maid, and Aunt Cornie played on the piano for us. [H]ad supper about half past five, then Katie, Grace, Carrie, Sara, and I took the street car or Lake George. Uncle John, Aunt Cornie, and the children went in the surry. When we reached the lake, we all took the steamboat and went up the lake. On our way back we got out at a landing and went up into the park. It is a beautiful place. Stayed there until the boat came back again then went back to the boat house. Although it wasn't a very long ride I never will forget it. We girls waited for our car about twenty minutes, got home bout nine.

Friday. 8/5/92: About nine o'clock Aunt Corrie, Horace, Katie Mars, Carrie, and I went in the surry to the timber about four miles east of town, stayed there until nearly noon, then drove over to Knoxville, went through the park, walked around the lake, then went around to [?]ee the St. Mary's College. It was a lovely building. Got back to Galesburg about one. They had all of them had their dinner. After dinner we rode down town, went into some of the stores, around to Brown's shops, into the Methodist church and watched them quilt. Went around past the seminary and the Alumni Hall. Got home just in time, for supper. Had a watermelon for supper. We played games, swung, and read until time to go to the train. On our way to the train Uncle John took us in to see the fire engine rooms and the way they have the horses trained. It was wonderful. Started for home about ten o'clock. The train was crowded, but we got a good seat. Thus ends my Illinois trip.

Below are some notes I made and typed up. Please correct and fill in, and.Let.me know if you can

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Names from NETTIE FRINKS'S VISIT TO ILLINOIS:

**Thursday, 7/7/92:**

[Gra]ndpa / Aunt Lib — Frinks? Minnicks?

Millie Porter, Mrs. Porter  
Aunt Lou Minnick  
Carrie Tunnickliff, Nettie's second cousin (Barbara Ellen and Mary Ella Minnick) were probably first cousins  
Sarah Cooper Tunnickliff, Carrie's Grandma (born in England)

**Friday, 7/8/92:**

Edward Tunnickliff, Carrie's Grandpa, potter from England (m. Sarah Cooper)  
Aunt Barbara Keneval  
Aunt Annie (Tunnickliff) Miner, daughter of Edward and Sarah Cooper  
Cliff, John Clifford Miner – son of Aunt Annie Miner  
Fred W. Miner – son of Aunt Annie Miner  
[Le]ja Hebbard (m. Clarence Murchison) daughter of Mary Tunnickliff Hebbard Holt

**Saturday, 7/9/92:**

Frank Miles  
Emma Miner (Rule), (m. Dudley Rule), Aunt Annie Miner's daughter  
Wilse Minnick  
Fanny (Tunnickliff) Gamble, Fan, (m. Joseph Newton Gamble), Geo. Tunnickliff's daughter  
Mary (Tunnickliff) Hebbard Holt, Aunt Mary, sister to Aunt Annie Tunnickliff Miner, Lula's mother  
Will Palmer, William Cooper Palmer, funeral director  
Addie (Palmer) Roulston, Adeline Mae Roulston  
Will Palmer and Eddie Palmer Roulston are children of Aaron Palmer  
Ern, Ernest Palmer

**Sunday, 7/10/92:**

***Charlie Mentzer***

[?] Delano (Baptist preacher)

**Monday, 7/11/92:**

Uncle Aar, Aaron Palmer, (m. Prudence Tunnickliff), father to Will, Addie, and Ern and Bessie

**Tuesday, 7/12/92:**

Aunt Annie Stone, Anna Minnick Stone, (m. Exaver Stone: Aaron.Palmer's nephew)  
Bess, Bessie Palmer (Strattan), Aaron Palmer's daughter, (m. Geo. Strattan)  
Miss Haney, Mate  
Mr. Murchison, Clarence, (m. Lula Hebbard)  
Mrs. Low (e)  
Mr. Hamilton

**Wednesday, 7/13/92:**

Mrs. Stanton  
Alice (?Alice S. Tunnickliff (Pennewall), b. 1873) (?Alice Tillotson)  
Mrs. Gleason ( Bird Gleason)

[?]rd and baby

**Thursday, 7/14-/92:**

Uncle Will Minnick  
Zella Stone (Bennison), Aunt Annie Stone's daughter  
Paul  
Aunt Susie  
Grandma Minnick (?Barbara Ellen Frink's or ?Annie Stone's mother)

**Friday. 7/15/92:**

Georgia Nye (Tunnicliff), (m. Charles Tillotson Tunnicliff)

**Saturday, 7/16/92:**

Sue (?Gamble)(?Mentzer, m. Edward Tunnicliff)  
Mrs. Holmes – sister to Miss Watson  
Miss Watson – sister to Mrs Holmes  
Jennie Smailing

**Sunday. 7/17/92;**

[Con]nie Miles, S.S. teacher  
Harry Miles, Baptist preacher  
Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls  
Ella Keneval (?Nettie's cousin, Barbara Keneval's daughter)  
Chan and wife (Chancey Gulp?)

**Monday 7/18/92:**

John Cooper Tunnicliff, Carrie's uncle  
Grace – daughter of John Tunnicliff  
Sarah – daughter of John Tunnicliff  
Virginia – daughter of John Tunnicliff  
Libbie Frink, Nettie's sister

**Tuesday. 7/19/92:**

Emma Smailing  
[?] Smailing  
Mrs. Van Sickles

**Thursday. 7/21/92:**

Ma, Nettie's mother (Barbara Ellen Minnick Frink)  
Grace [Frink Nettie's sister]  
Mrs. John Moffitt  
Mrs. Pinny  
Miss Spicer  
Grace Stone, Aunt Annie Stone's daughter

**Friday. 7/22/92:**

Mrs. Bliss  
[Lena] Mason's sister  
Jennie Bliss  
Mrs. Steel

**Saturday, 7/23/92:**

[?]and Flora (?Bliss)  
Miss Salem  
Mrs. G

**Sunday. 7/24./92;**

Mate Haney\*s sister  
Mate Haney's brother, Dick  
Mr. and Mrs. Hewlet  
Grandpa Bliss

**Tuesday. 7/26/92;**

Lida, Carrie's sister, Lida Tunncliff Hunter

**Wednesday. 7/27/92:**

Frank Reguah (his funeral)

**Thursday. 7/28/92:**

Mr. Pierce

**Friday. 7/29/92:**

Kate Miles

**Monday, 8/1 /92:**

Belle (w/Fred Miner)  
Mr. Porter  
Mrs. BLackburn  
Geo.'s wife and baby  
Mrs. Good, Mill's sister  
[Blan]che Maul (dancer)

**Tuesday, 8/2/92:**

Aunt Prudence, Prudence Tunncliff Palmer, Bessie Palmer's mother, (m. Aaron Palmer)  
Nina King (with Fred)

**Thursday, 8/4/92;**

[?] Nathaniel Tunnickliff. Uncle John's son  
Moses Hubbard  
Katie and Jimmy Mars  
Aunt Cornie (?Laura Cornelia Hunter Tunnickliff), Carrie's aunt  
Horace Tunnickliff, Uncle John's son

### Terms Used in the Diary

**Splasher:** a protective towel or cloth on wall behind a wash stand.

**Tidy:** a detachable covering to protect the back or arm of a chair.

**Basque:** a woman's closely fitted bodice separate from skirt.

**Shally:** possibly a challis scarf or shawl?

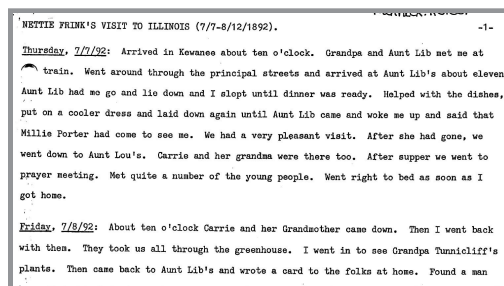
**Halma:** a table game like checkers, invented in 1883, but unlike checkers in that jumped pieces are not taken from the board and jumps may be made in any direction.

“**Halma**” is a Greek word for “jump”.

***Samantha among the Brethren*** by Marietta Holley is a telling but humcruous novel about women's rights, or lack of them, in the church of the late 19th century in America.

Thanks to my recent research, I know that Nettie Frink was the granddaughter of John Minnick and his wife Ellen Jones Minnick of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. I received the diary from Marcine Strattan, Nettie's granddaughter.

I'm thankful that this diary was shared with me!



# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, April 23, 2022

## 1940 Draft Numbers

*from page 1 of the November 18, 1940 issue of The Courier-Tribune*

First Blanks This Week  
To the Draftees

Questionnaires Will Likely Start into the Mails Wednesday

The Nemaha county draft board will send the first federal draft questionnaires to "draftees" this week probably starting with 50 on Wednesday.

The county has a total of 1695 men registered. There has been a great amount of clerical work in handling the registration cards, listing order numbers, preparing "cover sheets" in which each questionnaire will be filed, and now is re-sorting the registration cards and placing them in alphabetical arrangement.

The new draft board has been approved federally, B. E. Stratton is chairman, O. J. Ward is secretary and Loyd J. Cobun is the third member.

First questionnaires go to the men who want to enlist for their year of service, regardless of order number. Also for early handling are the men who have enlisted, as with the national guard, and are awaiting call.

Order numbers were assigned recently to registration cards. The county office is now completing a full order number list. The Courier-Tribune will print this list in the next few papers, as space permits, because it is official. A list of the first 500 order number was printed before, but was unofficial. Save this list below and watch for succeeding issues:

Official Order List



FIRST BLANKS THIS WEEK TO THE DRAFTEES	
1	Ivan Harold Bryant We
2	Leo John Spielman Ba
3	Harvey Elmer Hittle Sa
4	William Zery Murphy Ce
5	Lawrence Jos Schmidt Sa

- 1 Ivan Harold Bryant We
- 2 Leo John Spielman Ba
- 3 Harvey Elmer Hittle Sa
- 4 William Zery Murphy Ce
- 5 Lawrence Jos Schmidt Sa



- 6 John Joseph Rilinger Se
- 7 Vernet Harry Randel C0
- 8 James Edward Wilcox Ba
- 9 Archie LeRoy Swogger Be
- 10 Alpha Henry Aberle Sa
- 11 Paul Raymond Mathewson Se
- 12 Aloysius Fred Otting Se
- 13 Leslie Gordon Tate Se
- 14 Lee William Henry Sa
- 15 James Oliver McCoy On
- 16 Wilbur James Grimm On
- 17 Earnest Shumaker We
- 18 Bernard J. Dalinghaus Ba
- 19 Donald Charles Wood Sa
- 20 Arthur Louis Becker Se
- 21 Raymond N. Buser We
- 22 Lorenzo Dale Fletchall Sa
- 23 Lee Cochran Ce
- 24 Gilbert C. Ridgway Se
- 25 Herman Jacob Engel We
- 26 Kenneth Sherman Taylor Ba
- 27 Gerald John Wempe Se
- 28 Aloysius August Steinlage Co
- 29 Emil Kenneth Haug Se
- 30 Frederick Henry Keen Go
- 31 Lloyd W. Frederickson Co
- 32 Albert Francis Olberding Se
- 33 Marion Richard Ford We
- 34 Roland August Surdez Ce
- 35 Alphonse Joseph Holthaus Se
- 6 Cletus John Engelken Se
- 37 Rayomon Lenord Sweet Co
- 38 James Patrick O'Toole Ax
- 39 Arthur R Harrter Sa
- 40 Edward John Vogel Be
- 41 Orval Merland Bryant We
- 42 Max Elvin Gutknecht Sa
- 43 James Catlet Kelley Sa
- 44 Anthony Aloysius Deters Ba
- 45 Vernon Nance Kistner Sa
- 46 Louis William Wiegers Se
- 47 Thomas Morse Reed Ci
- 48 Moses Edelman Sa
- 49 Cyril Francis Olberding Ba
- 50 Robert John Haug Ve

There is a change in the first 50 number from the unofficial list, No. 45, Vernon Nance Kistner, not having been included in the unofficial listing.

# GeneaMeme

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

1) Participate in the Ancestors GeneaMeme created by Jill Ball on the Genius blog back in 2011!

The list should be annotated in the following manner:

- Things you have already done or found: bold face type
- *Things you would like to do or find: italicize (colour optional)*
- Things you haven't done or found and don't care to: plain type
- You are encouraged to add extra comments in brackets after each item

Which of these apply to you?

1. **Can name my 16 great-great-grandparents**
2. **Can name over 50 direct ancestors** – in software
3. **Have photographs or portraits of my 8 great-grandparents**
4. Have an ancestor who was married more than three times
5. Have an ancestor who was a bigamist
6. **Met all four of my grandparents** – but my mom's father died when I was 4
7. **Met one or more of my great-grandparents** – picture with one as a 1 1/2 year old
8. Named a child after an ancestor
9. Bear an ancestor's given name/s
10. **Have an ancestor from Great Britain or Ireland** – Hammond and Ralston lines
11. Have an ancestor from Asia
12. **Have an ancestor from Continental Europe** – Briles line
13. Have an ancestor from Africa
14. **Have an ancestor who was an agricultural labourer**
15. **Have an ancestor who had large land holdings** – if 160 acres is considered large
16. Have an ancestor who was a holy man – minister, priest, rabbi
17. Have an ancestor who was a midwife
18. **Have an ancestor who was an author**
19. **Have an ancestor with the surname Smith, Murphy or Jones** – at least 2 SMITH lines, 1 Jones line
20. Have an ancestor with the surname Wong, Kim, Suzuki or Ng
21. Have an ancestor with a surname beginning with X
22. Have an ancestor with a forename beginning with Z
23. **Have an ancestor born on 25th December**
24. **Have an ancestor born on New Year's Day**
25. Have blue blood in your family lines
26. Have a parent who was born in a country different from my country of birth
27. Have a grandparent who was born in a country different from my country of birth
28. **Can trace a direct family line back to the eighteenth century** – Briles – part of 2nd Germanna colony
29. **Can trace a direct family line back to the seventeenth century or earlier** - Hammond part of great migration
30. **Have seen copies of the signatures of some of my great-grandparents**

31. Have ancestors who signed their marriage certificate with an X
32. **Have a grandparent or earlier ancestor who went to university** – Hiram Currey of Peoria was a lawyer
33. Have an ancestor who was convicted of a criminal offence
34. Have an ancestor who was a victim of crime
35. **Have shared an ancestor's story online or in a magazine (Tell us where)** – this Heartland Genealogy Blog
36. **Have published a family history online or in print (Details please)** – no longer online but I used The Master Genealogist and Second Site to put my file online
37. **Have visited an ancestor's home from the 19th or earlier centuries** – Briles homestead in Coffey County, Kansas
38. **Still have an ancestor's home from the 19th or earlier centuries in the family** – Briles homestead
39. **Have a family bible from the 19th Century**
40. **Have a pre-19th century family bible** – photocopy

# Emma

Monday, April 25, 2022

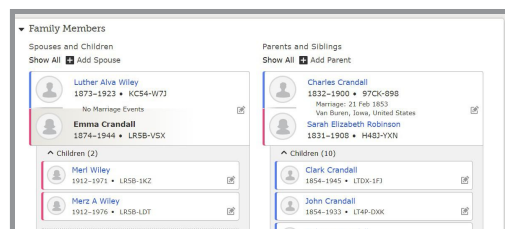
Have you ever thought about 'guiding stars' when it comes to your genealogy research? When I first started doing research, my 'guiding stars' were basically information from others. At first, this was my grandmothers and great aunts. As I dug deeper, my 'guiding stars' were family group sheets, IGI records, printed genealogies and even biographies in county histories. These 'guiding stars' provided information about the family structure (i.e. names), places and dates. Armed with that information, I was able to dig into the records to find documentation to support that information.

Today, I would have to say that my 'guiding star' is the FamilySearch collaborative tree because

- I can capture the information about an individual by pulling said individual directly into my genealogy software and connect them to their family.
- the information for an individual in the FS tree is the result of several researchers coming to a consensus about the person in the tree.

Unfortunately, there are times when my guiding star, the FS tree, lets me down. While updating my research of the descendants of Lewis Crandall and Almira Nafus, in particular the children of John Nafus Crandall, the FS tree did just that, it let me down.

While researching John's daughter, Emma, I found that I needed to add her husband and children to my file in order fully utilize a census record. Thus, out to FS I went to grab her husband and children. I had Emma connected to LR5B-VSX on the FS tree. The husband and children on FS matched the census record I had found for Emma Crandall Wiley.

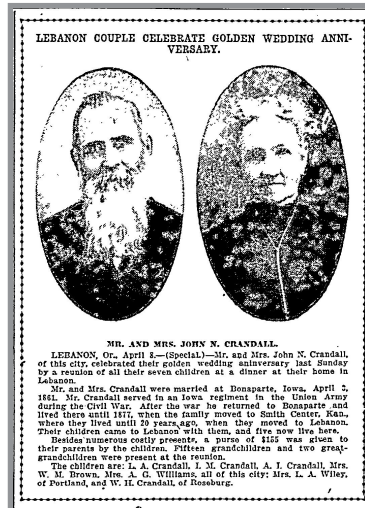


But, this Emma Crandall shows her as the daughter of Charles Crandall and Sarah Robinson and not of John Nafus Crandall. When I checked the sources attached to this Emma Crandall, it appeared possible that the sources were for two different Emma Crandalls.

Before making any changes on the FS tree, I continued to document the life of Emma Crandall Wiley in Oregon. In particular, I was looking for documents connecting Emma Wiley to John Nafus Crandall. I already had an article about John and Charlotte Crandall's 50th wedding anniversary which names the children.

The children are: L. A. Crandall, I. M. Crandall, A. I. Crandall, Mrs. W. M. Brown, Mrs. A. G. Williams, all of this city; **Mrs. L. A. Wiley** of Portland, and W. H. Crandall of Roseburg.

"Mr. and Mrs. John N. Crandall," Oregonian, The (Portland, OR), 9 April 1911, page 6;



In addition, I had found an obituary for John N. Crandall in a Smith county, Kansas newspaper that also identifies the children.

“He was married to Charlotte Jane Brown at Bonaparte, Ia., April 4, 1861, who survives him. To this union seven children were born, four sons and three daughters as follows: Lewis A., Ira M. and Albert II, of Lebanon; M. Harley of Roseburg; Mrs. W. M. Brown and Mrs. A. G. Williams of Lebanon and **Mrs. L. A. Wiley** of Portland, all of whom were with him during his last sickness and death.

“John Crandall Dead,” Smith County Pioneer (Smith Centre, Kansas), 31 December 1914, page 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 14 April 2022).

In 1922, the obituary for her sister, Lula Crandall Williams, identifies the siblings.

She is survived by her husband, A. G. Williams, her son Lewis, and the following brothers and sisters: M. Harley Crandall and **Mrs. L. A. Wiley** of Portland; Mrs. W. M. Brown, Lewis A., Ira M. and Albert I. Crandall who have resided here for the past thirty years and are well known.

“Obituary,” The Lebanon Express (Lebanon, Oregon), 5 April 1922, page 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : accessed 15 April 2022).

Further digging in the newspapers uncovered an article about Emma’s 1900 marriage to Luther Wiley. Unfortunately, it does not name Emma’s parents.

#### Married

Wiley- Crandall — At the home of the bride’s parents in Lebanon, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1900, Prof. Luther A. Wiley and Miss **Emma O. Crandall** both of Lebanon. Dr. D. M. Davenport officiating.

The groom is one of Linn countys best known and most popular young men. He came here from Illinois when but a child, received his primary education in Santiam Academy, and graduated from Albany College in 1898. Mr. Wiley was a member of the Second Oregon Volunteers and rendered faithful service in the Philippines until the recall of the

regiment. He has been elected principal of the Jefferson schools for the ensuing year. The bride is a most estimable young lady, well and favorably known. Prof. and Mrs. Wiley were in Albany yesterday en route to Portland, where they will attend the carnival. After October 1st they will make their home in Jefferson.

"Wiley-Crandall," Albany Weekly Herald (Albany, Oregon), 13 September 1900, page 3; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 15 April 2022).

Emma's husband, Luther Wiley dies in June of 1923. One of his obituaries identifies his wife and their children.

He is survived by his wife, **Mrs. Emma Crandall**, and **twin daughters, Merle and Merz**, 11 years of age. He also has two sisters in Portland, Mrs. Joseph Reddich and Mrs. Ila Robe.

"Former Albany Educator Dead," Albany Daily Democrat (Albany, Oregon), 28 June 1923, page 1; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 15 April 2022).

At the time of his death, there are a couple of mentions in the Lebanon, Oregon papers of Mrs. Brown traveling to Portland to spend time with her sister.

Mrs. W. M. Brown has returned from Portland, where she was at the home of her **sister, Mrs. L. A. Wiley**, during the illness and recent passing of Mr. Wiley.

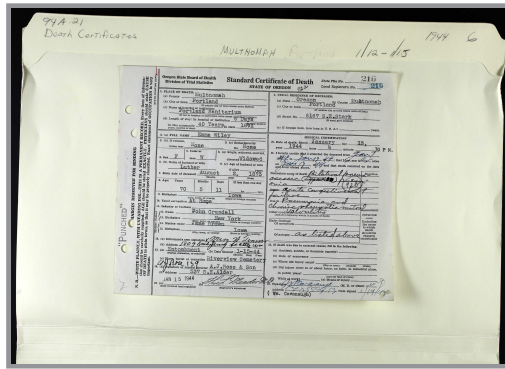
"Local Happenings," The Lebanon Express (Lebanon, Oregon), 4 July 1923, Page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 15 April 2022).

Then, in 1936, the obituary of a brother, Ira M. Crandall, names Emma Wiley as a sister.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Grace Harden and Mrs. Nina Kreitz of Lebanon, Mrs. Hattie Harrison and Mrs. Nettie Westerfield of Portland and two grand daughters, Mrs. Frances Bicknell of Bremerton, Wash. and Mrs. Virginia Marks, of Lebanon and one great grandson, Tommy Marks of Lebanon. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters, L. A. and Mrs. A. L. Crandall and Mrs. Flora Brown of Lebanon and Harley Crandall and **Mrs. Emma Wiley** of Portland.

"I. M. Crandall, Long Prominent Here, Passes On," The Lebanon Express (Lebanon, Oregon), 10 December 1936, page 6; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 15 April 2022).

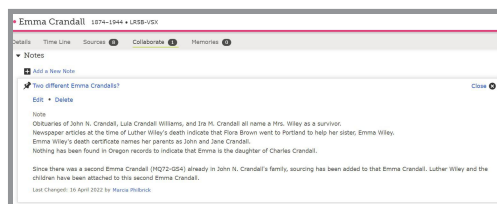
All of the above newspaper items support Emma Crandall being the daughter of John N. Crandall and wife of Luther Wiley. Fortunately, her death certificate is available to confirm both of these facts.



Now that I'm armed with documentation that Emma is the daughter of John Nafus Crandall, I can begin the process of changing the family connection between Emma and her parents. That's when I discovered TWO other Emma Crandalls.

- MQ72-GS4 – Emma Oleno Crandall, daughter of John Nafus Crandall but no spouse or children connected to her
  - MCVG-3QL – Erma O. Crandall wife of L. A. Wiley with a marriage date of 5 Sep1900. Neither Erma nor L. A. Wiley were connected to parents or children.
- After finding an Emma Crandall already attached as a daughter of John Nafus Crandall, I

- added sources to MQ72-GS4 Emma Oleno Crandall
- uploaded some images of those sources to MQ72-GS4
- merged MQ72-GS4 and MCVG-3QL into MQ72-GS4 Emma Oleno Crandall
- merged MCVG-3QW L. A. Wiley and KC54-W7J Luther Alva Wiley into Luther Alva Wiley
- Attached Luther Alva Wiley (KC54-W7J) as a spouse for Emma Oleno Crandall
- Attached the children, Merl Wiley and Merz Wiley, as children of Emma Oleno Crandall and Luther Alva Wiley.
- Messaged the individual that had added sources to Emma Crandall (LR5B-VSX), daughter of Charles Crandall that seem to be for Emma, daughter of John Nafus Crandall informing him of my suspicions about the two Emma's being mixed up.
- Posted a note on Emma (LR5B-VSX), daughter of Charles about my suspicions



Hopefully, I have provided enough information to those updating and/or watching Emma Crandall (LR5B-VSX) to separate Emma daughter of Charles from Emma daughter of John.

Although my guiding star let me down in this instance, it did prompt me to do further research to make sure that I was going in the right direction.



# Crandall Probate

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

What's your dream of a 'perfect' probate record? Is it a will naming all of the children in order of their birth? I know that identifying the children would be a major aspect of a perfect probate record.

When it comes to Lewis Crandall's probate record, it is not one concise document but spread over random pages in two volumes of the Van Buren County, Iowa probate records. And, unlike that 'perfect' document, it takes all of the pages to piece together the family after Lewis Crandall's death.

**24 July 1952** – Lewis Crandall died intestate

Van Buren County Iowa  
Administrator and Guardian Bonds  
Page 205

Lewis Crandalls Estate

Know all men by these presents that we Abner H McCrary and George G Wright are held and firmly bound unto Emanuel Wayne, Court Judge in and for the county of Van Buren, State of Iowa and to his successors in office, in the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the payment of which we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents:

As witness our hands and seals this 24th day of July AD 1852 the Condition of the above obligation is as follows: Whereas Abner H McCrary has been appointed Executor or Administrator of the Estate of Lewis Crandall deceased, late of the County of Van Buren, State of Iowa.

Now [iz] the said Abner H McCrary shall make return to the County Court for said County, within thirty days from the date hereof a true inventory of all the real estate, and all the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased which have or shall come to his possession or knowledge; and shall administer according to law all the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased and the proceeds of his real estate that may be sold for the payment of his debts, which shall come to the possession of he said Administrator or to the possession of any person form him, and shall render, upon oath a true account of his administration, within one year and at other times when required by the Judge of the County Court: And shall by any balance remaining in his hands upon the settlement of sd accounts to such persons as the County Judge shall direct; And shall further deliver the Letters of Administration into the County Court in case any Will of the deceased shall be there after duly proved and allowed; then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

As witness our hands and seals this 24th day of July AD 1852

A. H. McCrary (seal)  
George G Wright (seal)  
Approved July 24th 1852  
E. Wayne, County Judge

The State of Iowa  
Van Buren County

J [I] Abner H McCrary Solemnly swear  
that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Ad  
ministrators of the Estate of Lewis Crandall dec'd according to Law  
and the condition of the above bond So help me God  
A. H. McCrary

Record and subscribed to this 24th day of July AD 1852  
E Mayne, Judge

Van Buren County, Iowa. Administration and Guardian Bonds, v. A-C 1843-1885. Van  
Buren County Iowa Circuit Court, Film #967626 DGS 7591593. Lewis Crandall, July 1852  
volume A: page 205; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> :  
viewed online 21 April 2022.

11 Nov 1854 – Lewis Crandall is survived by minor children in the care of Jane Crandall,  
an heir of Lewis Crandall

Van Buren County, Iowa  
Probate Book Vol E  
P. 48

Lewis Crandall, [Deceased]  
To the County Court of Van Buren County

The undersigned administrators  
of the Estate of Lewis Crandall, dec'd, makes the  
following statement, **Jane Crandall, one of the heirs**  
of the dec'd **having charge of the minor children**, one  
of which is rendered helpless by sickness. It is  
therefore asked that there be [???] order made by the  
Court for her [???], this 11th day of November 1854  
\$15 will probably be necessary  
A. H. McCrury, Attorney

Ordered that the administrator of the Estate  
of Lewis Crandall pay to Jane Crandall for the  
support of the children in her care and to supply the  
wants of the one that is sick, the sum of fifteen  
dollars and any money in his hand belonging  
to said Estate, and the receipt of said Jane  
shall be his voucher.  
Nov. 11th 1854  
E Mayne, County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 11 Nov 1854 Vol. E: page 48; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**1855** – Petition for dower by Anna Crandall, wife of Lewis Crandall

Van Buren County Iowa  
Probate Record Vol. E page 217

Estate of Lewis Crandall  
To the County Court of  
Van Buren County  
I am petitioners **Anna Crandall** [Attorney?]  
to the Court that she is the **widow of Lewis Crandall** dec'd  
Your petition shows that the said husband departed  
this life [unto] about the ? day of March 1852 and at the time  
of his decease he was seized of and owned in fee simple the following  
described real estate, lying in said County of Van Buren to wit  
[W] part of S.E. [1/11] Sec 28 Town 69 Range 9 one hundred acres  
Your petitioning [showed] that as widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd she  
is entitled to one third in value of said real estate in fee simple  
as her dower.  
Your petitioner therefore [proposes] the Court to appoint  
informed to set apart and assigns to your petitioner forever, one third  
in value of said real estate as her dower  
Respectfully Submitted  
[????? ss ?] Caldwell  
Attorney for Anna Crandall

Ordered that [???] the [?????] bu [publication in the  
newspaper [?????] until the [??? ??? ] of the County  
[ ] petition will be

[????] County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 1855 Vol. E: p. 217; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**22 Oct 1855** – Annual Report filed by A. H. McCrary, Attorney that identifies several people with the Crandall surname: Horace S. Crandall of Wapello County, Anna Crandall (widow), Jane Crandall and Salome Crandall

Van Buren County Iowa  
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Lewis Crandall Estate  
And then came Alvin H. McCrary adm of the Estate of  
Lewis Crandall dec'd and fils his third annual report which is  
received or ordered to be recorded as follows.

Estate of Lewis Crandall dec'd 3rd Annual report of the under signed administrator

Receipt for money advanced for the relief of the heirs, cover expenses in such against **Horace S. Crandal**

Receipt No. 1 paid S. Richards \$2.00

Receipt No. 2 paid tax receipt in 1853 \$5.08

Receipt No. 3 DO 1854 \$3.87

Receipt No. 4 Dr. Hall \$7.50

Receipt No. 5 ??? \$ .75

Receipt No. 6 **Jane Crandall** \$21.00

Receipt No. 7 **Jane Crandall** \$15.00

Receipt No. 8 **Jane Crandall** \$10.10

Receipt No. 9 Wright & Cardwell \$110.00

Receipt no 10 ??? \$10.00

Receipt No 11 **Salome Crandall** \$ 2.00

Receipt No 12 **Jane Crandall** \$5.00

Notes payable to estate \$18.00

Claim of H. B. ?Henenschott? counselor \$30.00

Thereby certify the above to be correct

A. H. McCrurry Attorney

The following is an additional inventory of the personal estate of Lewis Crandall dec'd

Judgement in County court against widow

**Anna Crandall** \$76.25

also judgement against **Horace S. Crandall**

in Wapello County \$500.00

I hereby certify the above to be correct

this Oct. 22nd 1855

A. H. McCrary, Attorney

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 11 Nov 1854 Vol. E: page 282;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**5 Nov 1855** – Apportionment of Dower for Anna Crandall, widow of Lewis Crandall

Van Buren County Iowa

Probate Records Vol. E p. 299

Lewis Crandall Estate

And now comes up for hearing the matter of the petitioner of Anna Crandall widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd in which she prays the Court to appoint referee to make an apportionment of dower to her in the real estate of her late husband  
An order having been made at the October term of the cases court that notices should be given by publication in the Kasaugua Republican a copy of which notice being this day

filed together with the proof of the same, it is ordered  
that they be recorded in words as follows to wit

Legal Notice

To the heirs and all others interested in the Estate of  
Lewis Crandall Deceased ;

You will take notice that

there is now on file in the office of the County Judge of  
Van Buren County Iowa a petition of Anna Crandall  
claiming that she is the widow of Lewis Crandall, deceased, and  
praying the County Court of said County to appoint referees  
to set apart and assign to her dower in the following decd  
certified bond of which said Lewis died seized to wit:

the North part of the South East quarter section twenty eight (28)  
township sixty nine (69) range nine(9) containing one hun  
dred (100) acres said petitioner claims that she is entitled  
to one third in value of said land in fee simple as her claim  
as aforesaid. Said petition will be heard and determined  
before said Court on the first Monday in November 1855

By order of the County Court

? A. Caldwell

Attorney for Petitioner

H. C. Watkins being duly sworn says he is the publisher  
of the "Kasaugua Republican" a weekly newspaper pub-  
lished in the City of Kasaugua Iowa and that the  
[afixed] "Legal Notice" to the heirs of Lewis Crandall  
Dec'd was published in said paper four weeks respec  
tively the first publication being made Oct. 6th 1855.

Sworn & subscribed H. C. Watkins

before me this 5th

day of Nov. AD 1855

Alexander Burns Co Clerk

Printer Fee \$5.00

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 759199. Lewis Crandall, 5 Nov 1855 Vol. E: page 299;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**17 Nov 1855** – Order to set apart dower for Anna Crandall

Van Buren County Iowa

Probate records

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Greetings: Know Ye that whereas a petition has been filed in the  
County court of Van Buren County, Iowa by Anna Crandall  
widow of Lewis Crandall Dec'd praying an order of the Court to make  
an [assignment] of dower to her in the real estate of said deceased  
situated in the County of Van Buren and described as follows  
to wit: the North part of the South East quarter of Section (28)

Township (69) N of Range (9) W containing one hundred (100) acres and notice having been given by publication and proof made of the same as requested by the court. The matter came up for hearing at the [Novr] term and no cause being shown why the prayer of the petition should not be executed

This is therefore to appoint you the said Eli [Dehad] Abner McCrary and Allen [Lippencott] as to [?] to assign dower as aforesaid, Setting apart to the said Anna Crandall, one third in value in fee simple of and in the above described real estate, proceeding to the premises on the 1st day of December 1855 at 10 o'clock a.m. then and there to divide and discharge the duties assigned you and make report of your [d?] together with a plat of the premises to the County Court on the first Monday of [Decr] Next, 1855

[?] Witness my hand and the seal of the County

Court this 17th day of Nov 1855

E [Mayne] County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

10 Dec 1855 – Assignment of 30 acres to be set apart to Anna Crandall, widow of Lewis Crandall

Van Buren County Iowa  
Probate Vol. E page 336

Lewis Crandall Estate

And now comes Allen Lippencott one of the [referees] appointed by the County Court to assign dower to the widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd [and] the real estate of said and present the following report of their decision which is received and ordered to be [?com] as follows to wit

We the Undersigned referees appointed by the County Court of Van Buren County to set apart to the widow of Lewis Crandall dec'd her dower a certain tract of land lying in the county of Van Buren viz the North part of the South East 1/11 of Sec 28 in Township 9 N of Range 9 West containing 100 acres, have proceeded to discharge the duties assigned as ord do st apart to the said Ann Crandall, widow of the said decd Lewis Crandall, thirty acres of the South part of the above described tract of land

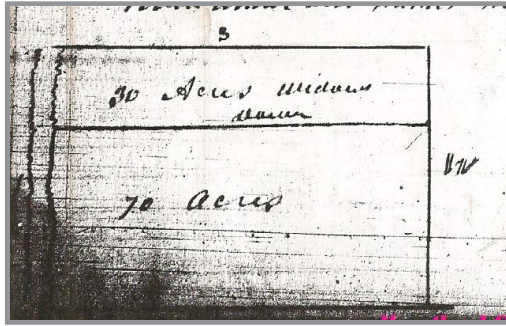
Given under my hand this 10th day of Dec 1855

James McCrary

Eli DeHart

Allen Lippencott

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 10 Dec 1855 Vol E: page 336; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.



# **8 April 1856 – Report regarding final settlement**

Van Buren County Iowa  
 Probate Record  
 Vol. E page 449

Lewis Crandall Estate Adm

To the County Court of  
 Van Buren County, Iowa  
 And now comes

[A. H.] McCrary, admr of the Estate of Lewis  
 Crandall dec'd and files his report and papers  
 for final settlement of said estate notice having  
 been given and proof of publication made  
 He charges himself, first, with sale bill as reported [350.63]  
 [Hand] collected on {Lewis} Crandall's note [35.10]  
 Spent, Collected from John Harris 26.70  
 " " [Thos] [?] 35.00  
 of Judgment of County Court against Anna Crandall 76.25  
 Collected from [Honor] Crandall  
 Judgment in District Court of Wapello  
 County [?] wit 521.67  
 Interest [Recd] [?] 11.15  
 1054.45  
 [?] as [full] fee [former] reports  
 [made] in the Ann Crandalls  
 judgment 12.00  
 1066.45  
 The administrator claims so [collected]  
 to the [process] [?] [hand] out by him  
 [it is],  
 [By] deposit that said "[35] [130.33]  
 recorded on page [29?] Book D 66.99  
 By report [joint] [?] 7 in 1854  
 Recorded [as ?] page 426 Book D 104.57  
 Report as filed Oct 22 1855  
 recorded on page [362] Book E 140.22  
 \$ 306.76

Amount [Paid] out since last report to Wit



To: Frelove Crandall A. 3.00  
[Jona] [voy] 1855 B. 5.50  
Wm Sh[aney] Dr Bill C. 25.00  
Hendershall atty fees D. 30.00  
Printers bill for notice of paid settlement E. 2.00  
Jane & Frelove Crandall F. 5.00  
Appointments and the [?] G. 1.50  
[?] [Hand] [By] [?] Crandall  
witness fees by Horace Crandall H. 6.00 81.00 Total Paid Out 387.77

Deduct this amount from  
Total amount of [asse?]  
Remaining in the hands of Admr 678.68

Administrators Bill for pr  
[D?m] [as pences], &c 74.85  
Per cents on [\$1066.45] 30.99

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Lewis Crandall Estate Continued

Paid to Ju[ne] McCrut[chen] for raising child 13.00  
House [needs] to be paid to the widow [?] for  
Heirs 18.00  
County Court fees paid 2.00

Ballance of assetts 508.84  
for an apportionment of dower omitted above 2.60

A. H. McCrary Admr  
of Crandall Estate

Subscribed and sworn to  
me this 8th day  
April A.D. 1856  
E. Mayne, County Judge

Ordered that the [testimonies] mad May the one third  
of the amount of assetts in his hand be the widows  
thence the distributions [I have] to each [?] Heir and  
the amount due the minors be the guardians and  
thence these receipts be [thus carried]  
E. Mayne, County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 8 Apr 1856 Vol E: page 449-450;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**8 April 1856** – Appointment of guardian for minor heirs of Lewis Crandall: John Crandal,  
Frelove Crandall, Anna Crandall, Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall

Van Buren County, Iowa

Lewis Crandalls Estate

And now comes A. H. McCrary and represents that the **heirs of Lewis Crandall [sick] to wit, John Crandall, Freelove Crandall, Anna Crandall, Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall,** mere minors and without legal guardian or representative, and as the Estate of said Deceased was now about to be settled the services of a guardian were necessary and thereupon [?] the court to appoint a guardian for said heirs.

The Court being fully [advised] in the premises and the matters understood, it is ordered that A. H. McCrary be and he is hereby appointed guardian for the **minor heirs of Lewis Crandall Decd To wit: John Crandal Freelove Crandall, Anna Crandall, Elsey Crandall, Lewis Crandall** and he is required to execute a bond to be approved by the Court in the sum of Sic hundred dollars and that Letters thereupon issue

April 8th 1856

E. Mayne, County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 8 Apr 1856 Vol. E: page 451;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**23 September 1857** – petition by guardian of heirs to sell land

Van Buren County, Iowa  
Probate Record  
Volume F page 41

And now comes A. H. MCcrary guardian for the monor [heir] of Lewis Crandall decd and file the following [he] [believes] money [tract] an order be made authorizing the sale of the tract [? and ?] deceased to be recorded

Petitions

for undersigned guardian for the minor heirs of lewis Crandall decd and [free and clear] of all [?] the years of [May] only do [petition[ the County Court of Van Buren County to be [] an order to sell the real estate belonging to said heirs being seventy acres in the same [?] fractional quarter of section no 28 Town 69 N rage 9 West [same] Guardian and [uses] would further represent that in [?llery] a widows dower [it] included the early house [and the] premises therefore it is difficult to [rent] the farm [on town] [preaffiliated] to the heirs and it is [?] [inad] visable to [?] a house on said farm [under] the circum stances To divide the land between the heirs would be only ten acres each which would not justify the expence he would

therefore ask the court to make the order and appoint appraisers And which is respectfully submitted

[?] Sepr 23 1857

A H McCrary

Guardian

Ordered that four weeks notice be given by publication in the Keasuaqua Republican and that a copy of said notice be filed in the County Court at the April Term of said court [per] 1857 at which time it will be heard and determined.

E Mayne, County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 23 Sep 1857 Vol F: page 41; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**14 April 1857** – order to appraise land

Van Buren County Iowa

Probate Records

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Lewis Crandalls Estate

And now comes A H McCrary Guardian for the minor heirs of Lewis Crandall Decd and upon the petition for [?] to sell the real estate belonging to said heirs, [as prescribed ?] of the notice published and the [price] of the same whereupon the court being satisfied it is evident that a license be [t?] in [the] [sale of seventy] acres in the at E fraction 1/4 of section No 28 township 69 or range 9 west belonging to said heirs said sale may be made either at [Justice Outcry] or at personal, [seals] of by to claims the intention of this estate shall be beneficial and [advanced] and if so sold it must not sell for less than its appraised value.

Ordered that an appraisement amount be issued and that said real estate be appraised as provided by law

W Mayne, Co Judge

State of Iowa

Van Buren County

The State of Iowa

To Allen Lippencott, A W Mangum

and Eli Dehart Greeting You are hereby appointed appraisers of the real estate belonging to the minor heirs of Lewis Crandall Decd to with 70 Acres in SE frac 1/4 of

page 53

Section No 28 in Township No. 69 N of Range No 9 [W] in the County of Van Buren Iowa and you the requested to [view and ?] a true valuation make the same according to the [? of]

your judgment being duly shown, a return to be made to the  
guardian or to the county court  
Witness E Mayne, Judge of the  
County Court with the seal of said  
Court here to affixed this 14h day  
of April 1857  
E Wayne  
Co Judge

State of Iowa  
Van Buren County

The State of Iowa

To all

to whome these presents shall come Greeting. Know ye that where  
as a petition has been presented to the County Court by A. H. Mc  
Crary Guardian for the minor hers of the Estate of ILewis  
Crandall dec'd praying that license may be granted for the  
sale of the interest of said wards in the following real estate  
[?] 70 acres out of the SE Frac 1/4 of Sec 28 T 69N Range  
9 West

[?] was as therein set forth The Court being fully  
[interested] in the [hereunto] and [appearing] that the provisions  
of the [?] having [fees] [compiled] with  
It is therefore ordered and directed that the said  
real estate be sold by the said guardian either at public  
[?] or at private sale as may best advance the interest  
of the said minors and to be [governed] by the laws regulating sales  
of [?] estate execut[ed] administrators and guardians, and make  
[report] to this court within this time.

Witness E. Mayne Judge of the County  
court of the Count of Van Buren Iowa  
with the seal of said Court hereto  
affixed this 14th day of April 1857  
E Mayne Co Judge

Recd by Publication

[?] is hereby given that there is now on file in the office of  
[the County] [Judicial] [petition] of [?][ undersigned Guardian for the minor  
heirs of Lewis Crandall [?] asking that license be granted authorizing the sale  
of real estate of said [land] to wit the undivided interests of said [?]  
in 70 acres of land in the SE fractional quarter of section 28 township  
No 69 N of Range 9 west in Van Buren County the matter of said pe-  
tition will be heard and determined at the April term of the County Court  
[?] 1857. by order of the Court [?] 7th  
A. H. McCrary Guardian

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 14 Apr 1857 Vol. F: page 52-53;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

15 Apr 1856 – Receipts for payment to Jane Crandall and Salome (Salome) Crandall

along with Guardian Report

Van Buren County Iowa  
Probate Records  
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Lewis Crandall Estate  
To the County Court  
of Van Buren County

And now comes A. H. McCrary  
Admr of the Estate of Lewis Crandall Decd and files the  
following receipts of amounts paid to the widow and adult heirs  
as follows

Paid to **Ann Crandall widow** one third (1) \$ 147.79  
Paid to Jane Dodson (2) 48.21  
Paid to Salome Crandall (3) 48.21  
\$ 265.16

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
A H. McCrary Admr

Sworn to this 16th day of  
April 1857  
E Mayne Co. Judge

#### Receipts

(1) Received of A. H. McCrary Admr of the Estate of Louis  
Crandall Decd one hundred and sixty eight dollars and  
seventy four cents being my part in full of said personal  
estate this June 2nd AD 1855  
Anna Crandall

(2) Received of A H McCrary Admr of the estate of Lewis  
Crandall decd forty eight dollars and twenty one cents in  
full of my share of the personal estate this April  
15 A.D. 1856  
Jane Dodson

(3) Received of A. H. McCrary admr of the Estate of Lewis  
Crandall Decd forty eighth dollars and twenty one cents in full  
of my part of the personal estate  
This April 15th A.d. 1856  
Slome Crandall

Guardian Report  
The County Court  
Van Buren County

And now comes A. H. McCrary Guardian for the  
**minor heirs of Lewis Crandall Decd to wit Eliza Crandall Elsey Cran**  
**dall Freelove Crandall John Crandall & Lewis Crandall** and make  
following report

Amount recd fro Admr of said estate in cash being  
\$48.21 due to each minor \$ 241.00  
Rec'd for rent 21.00  
262.00

Amount paid out to Estes A Thomas \$2.25  
“ “ Freelove Crandall as her part 5.00  
7.25  
257.75  
the above amount I have paid at [?] 141.40  
[13.75]

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 16 Apr 1857 Vol F: page 73;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

#### 1 Apr 1858 – Guardian Report

Van Buren County Iowa  
Probate Record  
Vol. F page 260

Estate of Lewis Crandall (Guardian report)

State of Iowa  
Van Buren County  
On the 1st day of April AD 1858 comes A H McCrary  
guardian for **J ohn Crandell, Eliza Crandell, Elsey Crandall and Lewis  
Crandall jr minor heirs of Lewis Crandall** dec unto the County Court  
and makes the following annual report  
In accordance with an order from  
said County Court to cell certain land and by virtue of said order  
I sold at private sale to Thomas C Dodson four undivided shares  
out of seven owned by the said **minors (viz) John Crandall Eliza  
Crandall Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall jr** to the following  
described real estate viz 70 acres off the North side of s. E. fractional  
quarter section No. 28 T 69 North of Range 9 W said sale was made  
on a credit to be paid as the children becomes of age with interest  
at ten percent from date of notes until paid interest paid annually  
or notes rendered sold at \$12 or per acre that being the appraised  
value Guardian to make deed when said notes are paid

40 acres at \$12 per acre \$480.00

Vouchers for money paid for which I ask credit  
Tax rect for 1856 No. 1 5.15  
“ “ 1857 No. 2 7.50  
Judge Maynes receipt No. 3 0.50  
**Freelove Crandalls** rect No 4 4.20  
**Freelove Crandalls** rect No. 5 55.03

And I further respectfully ask for an allowance for my

services for the last two years 8 days at \$1.50 per day 12.00  
For this report 1.00

A. H. McCrary 85.35

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 12th day of April AD 1855  
Thos Rankin  
County Judge

Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court  
Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 1 Apr 1858 Vol F: page 260;  
Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

Altogether, these probate documents identify the following Lewis Crandall family members:

- Anna, widow of Lewis Crandall
- Jane Crandall – not a minor child when Lewis Crandall died
- Salome Crandall – not a minor child when Lewis Crandall died
- John Crandal – minor child in 1856 and 1858
- Freelove Crandall – minor child in 1856 but of age in 1858
- Anna Crandall – minor child in 1856 and listed as Eliza in 1858
- Elsey Crandall – minor child in 1856 and 1858
- Lewis Crandall – minor child in 1856 and 1858

In addition, there is a reference to a 'judgment' in Wapello County involving a Horace Crandall.

Thus, these probate documents can be used to 'piece' together the family.



# Crandall Deeds

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Lewis Crandall died sometime before May 1852 when the first entry for his estate occurs in the probate records for Van Buren County, Iowa. Many of the probate entries discuss his land. Thus, the deed records are needed to help document the family.

The first entry I've found for Lewis Crandall in the Van Buren County Iowa deeds is his purchase of land in 1841.

Van Buren County, Iowa  
Book C page 127

This indenture made the 1st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty one between E Manning of the County of Van Buren and Territory of Iowa of the first part and Lewis Crandall of the county and territory aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars and other considerations in hand paid by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and to those presents do give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part to his heirs and assigns forever the following described [Messaage] piece or parcel of land to wit the South East fractional quarter of section twenty eight (28) in township number sixty nine (69) of range no nine (9) West excepting said reserving however forty four acres and forty four hundredths sold and conveyed by Ruben Wright to James McMann which part or partition of said tract is surveyed & set off on the south part of said fractional quarter being the quantity of land hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed to be one hundred acres agreeable to the certificate of purchase dated at Burlington IT November 15th 1838 be the same

Together written all and singular the appurtances There unto belonging To have and to hold the same unto the same party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and the said party of the first part doth covenant and forever defend the title to the said premises against the claim of all and every person whatever claiming the same by from or under him. In testimony where of the said party of the first part hereto sets his hand and seal the day and year first above written;  
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of  
George G. Wright (witness)  
Jacob Lane (witness)  
Edwin Manning (signed / sealed)

Territory of Iowa County of Van Buren  
In and for said County do hereby certify that on this  
day the within named Edwin Manning known to  
me to be the person whose name is subscribed to thee fore  
going instrument as party think personally appeared  
before me said acknowledged the execution thereof to  
be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and  
proposed therein expression given under my hand

Livale Kinney J  
Filed for record March 1st 1841 at 2 o'clock PM  
Isiah Lane Recorder

Iowa, Van Buren. Deed Records, lands and lots, 1837-1903. County Recorder, Film  
#966259 DGS 7574598. Lewis Crandall, 1 Mar 1841 Book C: page 127; Digitized  
images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

**18 Dec 1856 – Anna Crandall sells her dower to Owen Tuttle**

Van Buren County Iowa  
Deed Book R page 195

Ann Crandall to Owen Tuttle

For and in consideration of the sum of two hundred  
Dollars, I hereby sell and convey unto Owen Tuttle of the County  
of Van Buren and State of Iowa the following described real  
estate to wit thirty acres off the South part of the North part  
of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty Eight Township  
Sixty Nine Range Nine West in the County of Van Buren and  
State of Iowa it being the dower of Anna Crandall as set  
apart by the commissioners appointed by the County Court for that  
purpose from the Estate of Lewis Crandall Dec'd as the same appraised  
by the report of said Commissioners and as the same appears of Record  
on Page 336 of Probate Record for said County and Dated December  
16th 1855 and I [recant] and defend the title against the  
lawful claims of all person whomsoever witness my hand this  
the 18 day of December AD 1856  
Anna Crandall

State of Iowa  
Van Buren County  
Personally appeared before the undersigned  
a Notary Public in & for County & State aforesaid  
Anna Crandall personally known to me to be  
the identical person whose signature appears to the foregoing  
deed as grantors thereto and acknowledged the execution of the  
same to be her own voluntary act & deed for the purposes & things  
therein set fort & expressed Witness my hand & Notarial Seal  
This the 18th day of December AD 1856  
James F. Crul  
Notary Public Van Buren

County Iowa

Filed for Record Dec 25, 1856 at 1 1/2 O'Clock A.M.

**15 Sep 1857 – Salome Crandall** sells interest in undivided 70 acres to Thomas C. Dodson

Van Buren County Iowa  
Deed Book 3  
Page 207

Salome Crandall to Thomas C Dodson

Know all men by these presents that I **Salome Crandall** of the County of Mahaska and State of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby convey all my rights to the And interest to the **undivided South of seventy acres in the South East fractional quarter of Section no twenty eight (28) in Township no Sixty nine north of Range no nine West** to Thomas C. Dodson of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa and I hereby warrant and defend the title to said property to the said Thomas C. Dodson his heirs and assigns forever In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name on the 15 day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven

Salome Crandall

A. West

H. Temple

State of Iowa Mahaska County

On this the 15th day of September AD 1857, before me the undersigned Notary

Public in and for said County appeared the above named Saloma Cordwell

Personally known to me to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing [ ?deed?] conveyance as granter and acknowledge the same to be her voluntary act

And deed for the purpose therein approved In testimony whereof I have hereunto

Set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal at my office in Oskaloosa this

Day and year above noted.

Henry Temple

Notary Public

Filed for record the 26th day of Dec AD 1867 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Iowa, Van Buren. Deed Records, lands and lots, 1837-1903. County Recorder, Film #967297 DGS 8584530. Salome Crandall, 15 Sep 1857 Book 3: page 207; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

20 Apr 1855 – Frelove Crandall – sells rights to land to Thomas. C. Dodston

Van Buren County Iowa  
Deed Book 3page 207  
Free[l]ove Crandall to Thomas C. Dotson

Know all men in these presents that I **Freelove Crandall** of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred dollars to me paid by Thomas C Dodson the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged [have] granted bargained and sold and by these presents do convey unto the said Thomas C Dodson all my rights title and interest as heir to the estate of Lewis Crandall due on **undivided seventh of South (70) acres off the North**

*side of the South East fractional quarter of section twenty eight (28) township sixty nine (69) north of range nine (9) west* containing seventy acres to have and to hold the same forever and I hereby warrant and affix the same to the said Thomas C Dodson his heirs and his assignees forever [by my] hand this [twentieth] day of April AD 1855. Freelove [Crandall]

Deed Book 3, page 208

State of Iowa

Van Buren County

On this 19th day of April 1860 before me J.S. Steven County Judge in and for said county personally

Came Freelove Crandall personally know to be me to the identical person whose Name is affixed to the above deed as grantor and acknowledged the same to be Her voluntary act and deed. Witness by my hand and the seal of said County the Day and year above mention.

J. S. Sloan Co Judge

Filed for Record the 26th day of Dec AD 1867 at 11 o'clock AM

Iowa, Van Buren. Deed Records, lands and lots, 1837-1903. County Recorder, Film #967297 DGS 8584530. Freelove Crandall, April 1855 Book 3: page 207; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

18 Oct 1862 – Minor heirs (John N. Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall, Jr) sell 4 sevenths of land to Thomas C Dodson

Deed Book 3 page 207-208

Van Buren County, Iowa

John N. Crandall & others by guard'n to T. C. Dodson

Know all men by these presents Mr. T. A. H. McCrary of the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa Guardian for the minor heirs of Lewis Crandall

Dec ?ver? **John N. Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall & Lewis Crandall JR** by virtue of the power conferred upon me by law for an in consideration Of the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars the receipt whereof is hereby Acknowledge do hereby convey to Thomas C. Dodson his heirs and assignees the Undivided interests of the above mentioned heirs being *four sevenths of seventy Acres off the north side of the SouthEast fractional quarter of Section no twenty Eight in Township sixty nine north of Range no nine West* The said A.

H McCrary hereby ???? himself his heirs and assigns to ???? and one ???? The title to said Real Estate to the said Thomas C. Dodson and his heirs

Forever In testimony whereof thereunto [execute] my name this October 18th AD 1862.

H. McCrary

Guardian

State of Iowa

County of Van Buren Before me a Notary public in and for said County

And State this day personally approved A. H. McCrary to me [with] known and Who regard the foregoing instrument of writing in my presence as guardian and Grantor and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and [deed] [Jr] [Minor] Whereof I have set my hand and Seal Notarial this the 18th day of October AD 1862 To [action] whereof I have set my hand and Seal Notarial this The 18th day of October AD 1862 James L. Loring

State of Iowa

Van Buren County

And now comes the matter of the foregoing deed of

Conveyance of A. H. McCrary guardian of John N.

Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall and Lewis Crandall Jr

Minor heirs of Lewis Crandall deceased to Thomas C Dodson and the Court

After fully understanding the matter of said heirs it is therefore ordered and

[ ] by the Court that the same to and [m ] is confirmed and approved

Dec 5th 1862 H [Shanklin], Co Judge

Filed for record the 28th day of December AD 1867 at 11 o'clock AM

Iowa, Van Buren. Deed Records, lands and lots, 1837-1903. County Recorder, Film #967297 DGS 8584530. John N. Crandall, Eliza Ann Crandall, Elsey Crandall & Lewis Crandall Jr, Oct 1862 Book 3: page 207-208; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.

Thomas C. Dodson was the husband of Lewis Crandall's daughter Jane. Thus, the above deeds indicate that the 70 acres of land that was not part of Anna Crandall's dower were inherited by the seven living children.

- Jane Crandall, wife of Thomas C. Dodson
- Salome Crandall
- Freelove Crandall
- John N. Crandall
- Eliza Ann Crandall
- Elsey Crandall
- Lewis Crandall JR

# Lewis Crandall

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Lewis Crandall [ L4WP-BLJ] was born on 19 Aug 1807 in New York.<sup>1–2</sup> He married Almira Nafus about 1830.<sup>3</sup> He held the office of trustee in 1833 in Seneca Township, Seneca, Ohio, United States.<sup>4</sup> On 13 Jun 1833, Jane Crandall was born in Seneca, Ohio, United States.<sup>5</sup> On 24 Jun 1836, Salome Adell Crandall was born in Ohio, Kentucky, United States.<sup>5</sup> On 13 Sep 1836, John Nafus Crandall was born in Franklin, Ohio, United States.<sup>6</sup> On 29 Feb 1840, Freeloove Crandall was born in Indiana, United States. He purchased land being SE fractional 1/4 section 28 township 69 of range 9 West comprising 100 acres for \$125 from Edwin Manning on 1 Mar 1841 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>7</sup> About 1842, Eliza Anna Crandall was born in Iowa, United States.<sup>8</sup> Lewis witnessed the marriage of Horace Stanley Crandall and Amanda Rambo on 11 May 1843 at house of Lewis Crandall in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>1,9–10</sup> About 1844, Elsey Crandall was born in Iowa, United States.<sup>11</sup> He married Anna Tuttle in 1846 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>9,12–13</sup> About 1846, Lewis James Crandall was born in Iowa, United States.<sup>14</sup> He lived in Van Buren, Van Buren, Iowa, United States in 1847.<sup>15</sup> He lived in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States in 1849.<sup>16–17</sup> Lewis lived in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States in 1852.<sup>18</sup> He died about Mar 1852 at the age of 44 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>13</sup> He died about 25 May 1852 at the age of 44.<sup>1</sup> His estate had an administrator appointed on 24 Jul 1852 in Van Buren, Iowa Territory, United States.<sup>19–20</sup> Lewis's minor children were in the care of Jane Crandall on 11 Nov 1854 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>21</sup> He's widow, Anna Crandall, petitioned for the partition of the estate in 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>13</sup> His estate had the third annual report filed with Probate Court on 22 Oct 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>21</sup> His estate had an order approved to partition the land on 5 Nov 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>22</sup> Lewis's estate had appraisers appointed to determine land for dower on 17 Nov 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>23</sup> His estate had 30 acres assigned as the widow's dower on 10 Dec 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>24</sup> The estate's final report was filed on 8 Apr 1856 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>25</sup> His minor children had a guardian appointed on 8 Apr 1856 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>11</sup> His land was ordered to be appraised on 14 Apr 1857 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>26</sup> His estate made payments to his widow and adult children on 16 Apr 1857 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>5</sup> His children's guardian petitioned for the sale of the land on 23 Sep 1857 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>27</sup> His estate was finalized with the sale of the land and payment to the minor heirs on 1 Apr 1858 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>14</sup> Lewis may be the same individual as Lewis W. Crandall. .

Lewis Crandall and Almira Nafus were married about 1830.<sup>3</sup> She married Lewis Crandall about 1830.<sup>3</sup> On 13 Sep 1836, John Nafus Crandall was born in Franklin, Ohio, United States.<sup>6</sup> Almira Nafus, daughter of William S. Nafus and Salome Carpenter, died before 1846.

Lewis Crandall and Anna Tuttle were married in 1846 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>9,12–13</sup> She married Lewis Crandall in 1846 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>9,12–13</sup> Anna Tuttle lived in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States on 12 Oct 1850.<sup>28–29</sup> She petitioned for the partition of Lewis Crandall's estate in 1855 in Van Buren, Iowa, United States.<sup>13</sup> She sold land on 18 Dec 1856 in Van Buren County, Iowa.<sup>30</sup> Anna lived in Washington Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States on 18 Jun 1860.<sup>31</sup> She died after 1860 in Van Buren County, Iowa.



1. Family Group Sheet of Hampton Lillibridge Crandall , 1996)><, >.
2. "American Genealogical Biographical Index (AGBI), "www.ancestry.com (Ancestry.com : viewed online (October 2017), Elder John Crandall of RI.
3. U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 database, Ancestry.com ( <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7836/>). Yates Publishing. U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900 : viewed online 22 April 2022.
4. History of Seneca County, Ohio Containing a History of the County, Its Townships, Towns, Villages, Schools, Churches, Industries, Etc.; Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men; Biographies; History of the Northwest Territory; History of Ohio; Statistical and Miscellaneous Matter, Etc., Etc. (Chicago: Warner, Beers & Co., 1886)
5. Iowa, Van Buren. Probate Record, Vol. E-F, 1854-1860. Van Buren County Circuit Court Iowa, Film #967595 DGS 7591599. Lewis Crandall, 16 Apr 1857 Vol F: page 73; Digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online April 2022.
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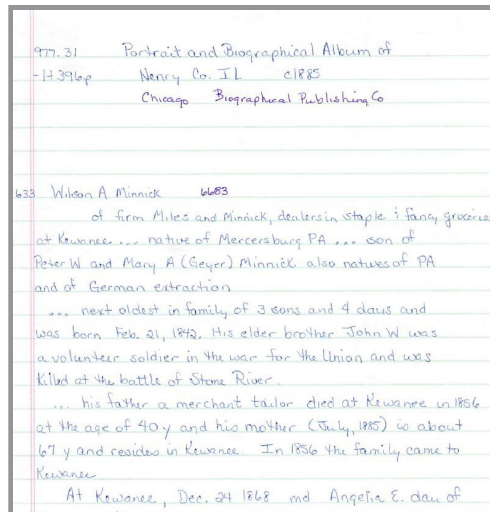
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# Friday Finds – Minnick Biography

Friday, April 29, 2022

Do you have lots of handwritten notes in your genealogy files? I know that I do. And many of those notes are from sources that are now digitized.

Having recently researched the descendants of John Minnick, I started looking at my old Minnick notes. The first document I opened was notes from the book, Portrait and Biographical Album of Henry County, Illinois.

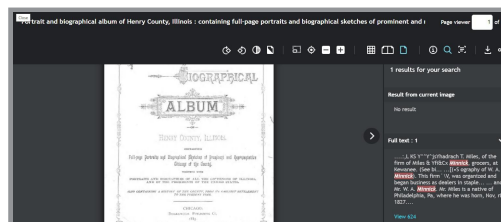


Wanting to post this information, I searched for a digital copy of the book. And, I found the book in a digital format on three sites.

- FamilySearch – Portrait and Biographical Album of Henry County, Illinois
- Archives.org – Portrait and Biographical Album of Henry County, Illinois
- Ancestry – Portrait and Biographical Album of Henry County, Illinois

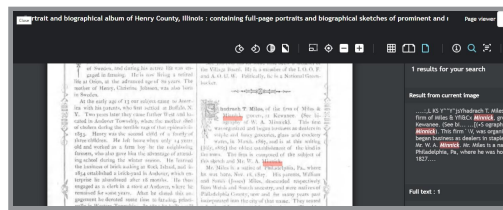
Even though I had heard that census records can differ from one site to another, I had not considered that digital books could differ from site to site. While the digital copy may be the same, the indexing is not.

On the FamilySearch site, I downloaded the book and searched for Minnick. That search found 1 result – on view 624.

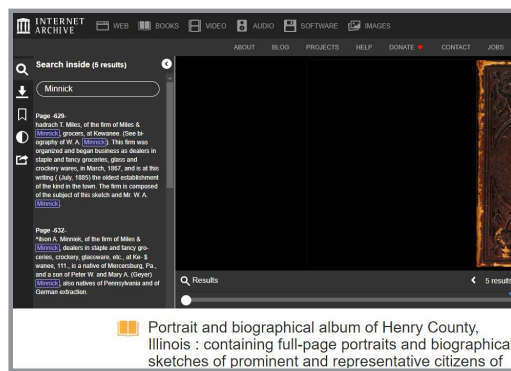


That search result took me to page 630 and a biography of Shadrach T. Miles. The beginning of the Miles biography refers to the firm Miles & Minnick grocers and to the biography of W. A. Minnick. However, that Minnick biography is not included in the

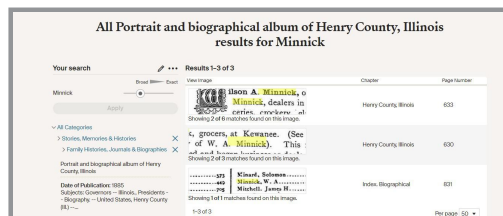
## search results



A search of the book on Archive.org produces 5 results: one on page 629, 3 on page 632 and then one index entry.



Searching the Ancestry version of the book provides 3 results: one on page 630, one on page 633 and one on page 831 (the index).



Thankfully, the Archive.org version allowed me to copy/paste the text to create a quick 'transcription' of these biographies.

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Wilson A. Minnick, of the firm of Miles & Minnick, dealers in staple and fancy groceries, crockery, glassware, etc., at Kewanee, Ill., is a native of Mercersburg, Pa., and a son of Peter W. and Mary A. (Geyer) Minnick, also natives of Pennsylvania and of German extraction.

Wilson A. was next oldest in a family of three sons and four daughters, and was born Feb. 21, 1842. His elder brother, John W., was a volunteer soldier in the war for the Union, and was killed at the battle of Stone River. His father, a merchant tailor in

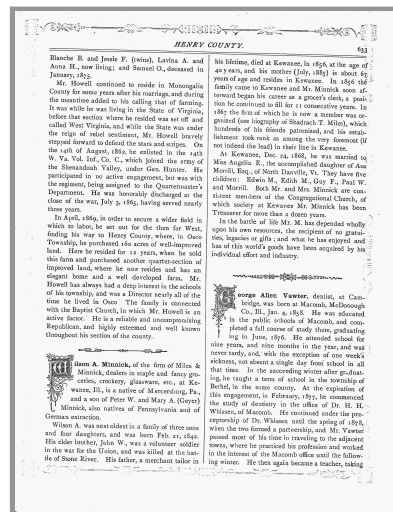
his lifetime, died at Kewanee, in 1856, at the age of 40 years, and his mother (July, 1885) is about 67 years of age and resides in Kewanee. In 1856 the family came to Kewanee and Mr. Minnick soon afterward began his career as a grocer's clerk, a position he continued to fill for 11 consecutive years. In 1867 the firm of which he is now a member

was organized (see biography of Shadrach T. Miles), which hundreds of his friends patronized, and his establishment took rank as among the very foremost (if not indeed the lead) in their line in Kewanee.

At Kewanee, Dec. 24, 1868, he was married to Miss Angelia E., the accomplished daughter of Asa Morrill, Esq., of North Danville, Vt. They have five children: Edwin M., Edith M., Guy F., Paul W. and Morrill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Minnick are consistent members of the Congregational Church, of which society at Kewanee Mr. Minnick has been Treasurer for more than a dozen years.

In the battle of life Mr. M. has depended wholly upon his own resources, the recipient of no gratuities, legacies or gifts ; and what he has enjoyed and has of this world's goods have been acquired by his individual effort and industry.

While Archive.org is the easiest site to copy/paste the biography, Ancestry is the easiest site to obtain a digital image of the page. On the other sites, one could use a snipping tool to create an image of the page.



While my original notes provide a lot of information about Wilson Minnick, they do not contain any reference to the Shadrach T. Miles biography. Since this biography not only provides information about the Minnick and Miles grocery and about the Miles family in Pennsylvania, it might be a good FAN club resource.

Shadrach T. Miles, of the firm of Miles & Minnick, grocers, at Kewanee. (See biography of W. A. Minnick). This firm was organized and began business as dealers in staple and fancy groceries, glass and crockery wares, in March, 1867, and is at this writing ( July, 1885) the oldest establishment of the kind in the town. The firm is composed of the subject of this sketch and Mr. W. A. Minnick.

Mr. Miles is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., where he was born, Nov. 18, 1827. His parents, William and Sarah (Jones) Miles, descended respectively from Welsh and Scotch ancestry, and were natives of Philadelphia County, now and for many years past incorporated into the city of that name. They reared a family of five sons and four daughters. The elder Mr. Miles was a farmer and the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article devoted most of his time to that worthy vocation, until probably 46 years of age. At the public schools of his native place he acquired a fair English education, which has been materially augmented by reading, by study and by such experience as is naturally incident to a busy life. I

He gave up farming in 1867 and removed to Kewanee and engaged in his present business.

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enjoyed the [highest esteem of his neighbors. As a merchant he sought to build a trade upon purely business principles, relying strictly upon the idea that " honesty is the best policy, " and the experience of nearly a fifth part of a century has fully attested the wisdom of his undertakings. Since coming here he has served the people three years as a member of the Town Board and ten years upon the Board of Education. He is prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has filled all the official chairs in their course and is[at present Chap- lain of the Kewanee Lodge. In politics he is a Re- publican, while his religious convictions are firmly anchored with the Baptist Church. When about 25 years of age he was married, at Philadelphia, to Miss Anna M. Eisenbrey, a lady of German descent and a native of the" City of Brotherly Love." Of the 13 children born to them, n are living : Sallie, Rena, Frank, Annie, William, Harry, Duffield, Kate, Edward, Matthew and May. W. P. died when about two years of age and Louis lived to be nearly four. Mr. Miles' father and mother died in Philadelphia, he at the age of 83 years and she at 76 years

Thus, I'm glad I searched for a digital copy of the book!

# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, April 30, 2022

## 1940 Draft

*Continued*

Courier Tribune  
Thursday, November 21, 1940  
page 1

Draft Order  
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53 Walter Stauffer  
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55 Gerald Edwin Wiggins  
56 Raymond Clarence Shaffer  
57 George Darrel Hawley  
58 Bernard Frances Runnebaum  
59 Ferdinand Henry Niehues  
60 Sylvester Joseph Wietharn  
61 Edward John Hasenkamp  
62 William Joseph Flaherty  
63 Elmer Walter Allen  
64 Willis Eugene Barnes  
65 LeRoy Hunzeker  
66 Raymond Hudson Weaver  
67 Raymond Aloysius Ronnebaum  
68 Bernard Aloysius Becker  
69 Merle Vernon Chase  
70 Roy Yens Gustin  
71 Roland Paul Grote  
72 Elmer Wagner  
73 Orlo Henry Drinkwater  
74 Austin W. Vogel  
75 Emet Francis Hightower  
76 Herman Arthur Beyreis  
77 Joseph Hiald Moore  
78 Eugene Francis showman  
79 Anthony Francis Spielman  
80 William Kenneth Rucker  
81 Floyd Emerson Downing  
82 Boyd Robert Cawood  
83 David Meyer  
84 Odile John Koelzer  
85 Floyd Iven Baumgartner  
86 Harry Gilmore Whittle Jr  
87 Roy Meyer

88 Louis Ross Warfel  
89 Norbert Andrew Stallbaumer  
90 Virgil Vernon Bumgarner  
91 Raymond William Rasmussen  
92 Francis John Block  
93 Ruben Stauffer  
94 Raphael John Blocker  
95 Emil Roy Edelman  
96 Asia Roy Turpin  
97 Paul Leon Irwin  
98 Kenneth Edgar Hall  
99 Louis Leroy Dannevik  
100 Melvin Lester Deaver  
101 Robert Goodrich Wilson  
102 Amzi Gordon Mosteller  
103 Ben Paul Kreutzman  
104 Clarence Richard Hazlett  
105 Leonard William Grimm  
106 Edward Ferdinand Deters  
107 James Jay Adriance  
108 Ralph Benjamine Ward  
109 Vincent August Buessing  
110 Glenn Wilbur L[u]bbe  
111 Raymond Eldrid Noland  
112 Herman Louis Stallbaumer  
113 William Robert Geren  
114 Homer Leroy Turner  
115 Eli Brunner  
116 Roscoe George Smith  
117 Allie John Hermes  
118 James Alvin Hoskins  
119 Emmett Thackeray Dodson  
120 Mirl Herman Bontrager  
121 John Jessee Barrett  
122 Melvin Elmer Rauss  
123 Belford J. Duryea  
124 William Audley Sneed  
125 William Francis Koch  
126 Clifton Allen Holland  
127 Garth Edwin Brinkworth  
128 George Lee Miller  
129 Gregory Henry Holthaus  
130 Elmer W. McConnaughey  
131 James Milbern Johnstone  
132 Raymond Clement Gugelman  
133 Harry Charles Churchill  
134 Francis James Levret  
135 Henry Grady Stegall  
136 Cyril John Stallbaumer  
137 John Charles Baldwin  
138 Firmin Joseph Koch  
139 Wilbur Henry Keim



140 Edwin Henry Wietharn  
141 Frank Edward Stuke  
142 Lawrence Joseph Olberding  
143 Lester Laverne Williamson  
144 Leslie Kenneth Wright  
145 Edwin August Brokamp  
146 Fred Edward Amos  
147 Henry Aloysius Holthaus  
148 Howard Freeman bell  
149 Orville Douglas Edman  
150 Bert Andrew Simmons

# May Day Baskets

Sunday, May 01, 2022

As a child did you make baskets out of construction paper, fill them with candy and flowers and then secretly put them on the doors of your neighbors? Well, the Lilacs are blooming just in time for this age old May Day tradition.

Growing up on Fifth street in Dodge City, Kansas, creating and sharing these baskets was a neighborhood event. While there are a lot of ideas on the Internet for creating May Day baskets, ours were fashioned out of construction paper. The easiest type of basket to make was a simple cone. The Create Whimsy website contains directions on how to make such a basket out of scrapbooking paper and ribbon.

We even made some square baskets that I'm sure required more of mom's help to get the paper cut correctly. However, it was harder to keep the flowers in the basket.

While this tradition of making and sharing baskets of flowers and goodies on May first may be disappearing, there are quite a few web sites with ideas on how to create these baskets.

- [Fun with May Day Baskets](#)
- [Easy to Make May Day Baskets](#)
- [Learn How to Make a Pretty May Day Basket](#)
- [Why the Tradition of May Day Baskets Should Make a Comeback](#)
- [Easy May Day Basket Craft Ideas](#)
- [A Forgotten Tradition: May Day Baskets](#)

May this reminder of an old tradition bring joy into your life.

*Happy May Day*



# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, May 01, 2022



It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

**1) What Keeps You From Doing Genealogy? What real life activity do you have to do, or like to do, that takes time away from genealogy research?**

Besides the obvious things like cooking, cleaning, eating, and sleeping, I do spend quite a bit of time on things other than genealogy.

Volunteer activities

- Nemaha County Historical Society board member working in the museum at least one day a week
- Visual worship leader for Seneca United Methodist Church. This involves putting the worship order, prayers and lyrics into a program to be projected during worship for Sunday worship
- Upcoming activity – to help put together a digital history of Nemaha Central High School

Maintaining my physical health

- Getting my steps in daily
- Participating in a Pre-Diabetes group

Maintaining my mental health

- Friday lunch with friends
- Church – worship online with the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection where my husband and I are members

- Reading – about 1 to 2 hours each evening
  - Random short trips with my husband
  - Annual weekend at lake with my siblings and their children
- How about you? What takes you away from your family history research?

# Census Confusion

Monday, May 02, 2022

Have you ever encountered a census record where the family had an extra child that you were unaware of? Professional researchers will caution us to not make assumptions from those listed in a household when the relationship is not stated. However, it is very easy to look at that census record and think the household is one family.

My first encounter with a household on the 1850 census record not being a family unit was with the record for Jane Barnes Currey and her children. Jane's husband, Thomas M. Currey, died in 1848. In 1850, Jane is shown still living in Carroll County, Indiana with the following in her household:

- James Currey age 26 and born in Indiana
- Elizabeth Currey age 21 and born in Indiana
- Amanda Currey age 19 and born in Indiana
- Helen Currey age 17 and born in Indiana
- Caroline Currey age 8 and born in Indiana
- Hiram Currey age 15 and born in Indiana
- Catharin Barnes age 15 and born in Indiana

Both James and Hiram have 'Farm' listed as their occupation. Based on this one record, it would be easy to assume that Hiram is a member of this family. However, a search of Carroll County Indiana Probate Records uncovers documents that identify the heirs of Thomas M. Currey.

Probate Order Book  
Carroll County, Indiana  
Book 2 page 520

May Term 1848 — 3rd Day May 10

Austin C Sheets Administrator  
of the estate of Thomas M. Curry deceased  
vs

**Sarah C Sheets**  
**James B Curry**  
**Mary I Curry**  
**Elizabeth J Curry**  
**Easter A Curry**  
**Helen M Curry**  
**Caroline T Curry**

Application to sell land

And now at this time comes  
the said Administrator by M  
Allen his atty and files his  
petition in the words & figures  
following (insert) praying for a sale of certain real estate  
therein named and there upon he files in open court an  
inventory and appraisement of the real estate in the words

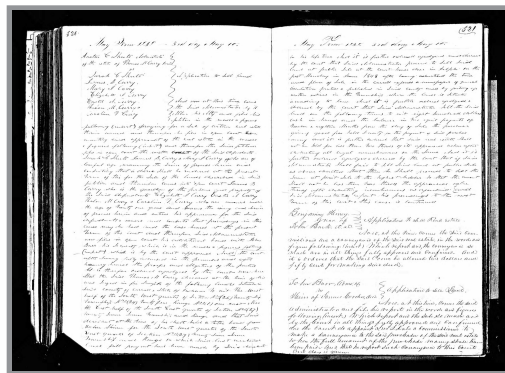
& figures following (insert) and thereupon the said petitioner files in open court the written consent of the said defendants **Sarah C Sheets James B Curry Mary I Currey who are of lawful age** [manning] the service of process herein arise consenting that a decree shall be [entered]at the present term of this for the sale of the lands described in said petition and thereupon comes into open court **James B Curry who is the guardian of the persons and property of said defendents Elizabeth J Currey Easter A Curry Helen M Curry & Caroline T Curry** who are minors under the age of twenty one years and [bears the using] and service of process herein and enters his appearance for the said defendants & minors and consents that proceedings in this cause may be had and the case heard at the present term of this court and thereupon said Administrator now files in open court his additional bond with John Barr his security which is in the words & figures following (insert) which is by the court approved and the court after being fully advised in the [promises use after] having heard the proof, and allegations of the parties It is therefore ordered adjudged by the court now here that the said Thomas M Curry deceased at the time of his was seized in fee simple of the following lands situate in said county of Carroll, State of Indiana to wit The west half of the south west quarter of Section No (26) twenty six Township No (24) twenty four Range No (1) one east Also the East half of the south east quarter of section no (27) twenty seven same township and range and that said decedent at the time of his death held a title bond from Martin Shinn for the south west quarter as the South East quarter of section No (27) twenty seven same Township and Range on which said last mentioned land full payment had been mad by said decendant

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in his lifetime that it is further ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that said Administrator proceed to sell said land at public sale at the court house door in Delphi on the first Monday in June 1848 after having [adm?t?d] the time and place of sale in Carroll express a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said county and by putting up written notices in the Township where the land is situate according to law that it is further ordered adjudged & Decreed by the court that said Administrator sell the said land on the following terms to wit eight hundred dollars cash in hand and the balance in two equal payments twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale the purchaser giving good free hold security for the payment of said purchase money and it is further ordered that said real estate shall not be sold for less than two thirds of its appraised value after subtracting all loyal incumbrances on the same and it is further ordered ajudged decreed by the court that if said

Administrator shall fail to sell said land at public sale as above directed that then he shall proceed to sell the same at private sale to the highest bidder so that the amount shall not be less than two thirds the appraised value thereof after directing incumbrances as aforesaid [and said Administrator as part his proceedings to the next term of this court & this cause is continued.

Indiana, Carroll County. Probate Records, 1829-1913; indexes, 1844-1891. Film #2200813 DGS 7708858. Petition to sell Thomas Currey's land, 10 May 1848 Vol. 2: page 520-521; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed before 2016.



Hiram Currey is missing from the probate document. That combined with the fact that he is listed after the other Currey children would suggest that he is NOT a child in this family. Without the probate record, I would likely have assumed that 15 year old Hiram was a child of Jane Currey.

Thus, I'm thankful that other researchers taught me to look beyond a single record and to collect as much information as I can on each member of a family.



# Frederick Crandall

Tuesday, May 03, 2022

As discussed in my Census Confusion blog post, figuring out a family unit from an 1850 census record can prove difficult. The 1850 census record for Carroll County, Indiana shows a 15 year old Hiram Currey living in the household of Jane Currey. Thus, it would be easy to place Hiram as a child in Jane's family.

When I shift to the Lewis Crandall family, a similar situation may be occurring. The 1850 census for Anna Crandall in Van Buren County, Iowa includes the following children:

- Jane female age 17
- Saloma female age 15
- John male age 14
- Frederick male age 11
- Eliza female age 8
- Elzie female age 6
- Lewis male age 4

Researchers have placed these children in the family of Lewis Crandall [L4WP-BLJ] and his first wife Almira. Almira is believed to have died prior to 1846 when Lewis married Anna Dille Tuttle in 1846.

According to an obituary for John Nafus Crandall, he was the 5th child in a family of 10. With the seven children in the 1850 census, there would be three more, with two of them younger than John. The Lewis Crandall family on FamilySearch has the following children:

1. Charles Crandall [K65W-WM3] (1830-1842)
2. Sarah Crandall [K65W-WMQ] (1832-1834)
3. Jane Crandall [LC5M-V78] (1833-1901) – listed in 1850 census record as 17 year old female
4. Ann Crandall [LC5M-V7J] (1834-Dec)
5. Saloma Crandall [29SC-SSN] (1835-1893) – listed in 1850 census record as 15 year old female

6. John Nafus Crandall [LHZJ-Q8G] (1836-1914) – listed in 1850 census record as 14 year old male
7. Susannah Crandall [K65W-WM7] (1838-1842)
8. Frederick Crandall [G673-SKT] (1838-1900) – listed in 1850 census record as 11 year old male
9. Freelove Crandall [KXRL-G59] (1840-1882)
10. Eliza A. Crandall [LHZJ-Q12] (1842-Dec) listed in 1850 census record as an 8 year old female
11. Elsey Crandall [LDQ7-MRB] (1844-Dec) listed in 1850 census record as a 6 year old female
12. Lewis W Crandall [KXRL-GGK] (1846-Dec) listed in 1850 census record as a 4 year old male

If the obituary is correct, there are 2 extra children with one of them younger than John.

Thankfully, there are other records to help document this family. The probate records for Lewis Crandall identifies the following family members:

- Anna, widow of Lewis Crandall
- Jane Crandall – not a minor child when Lewis Crandall died
- Salome Crandall – not a minor child when Lewis Crandall died
- John Crandal – minor child in 1856 and 1858
- Freelove Crandall – minor child in 1856 but of age in 1858
- Anna Crandall – minor child in 1856 and listed as Eliza in 1858
- Elsey Crandall – minor child in 1856 and 1858
- Lewis Crandall – minor child in 1856 and 1858

In addition to the probate records, deeds for the sale of Lewis Crandall's land identify the following children:

- Jane Crandall, wife of Thomas C. Dodson
- Salome Crandall
- Freelove Crandall
- John N. Crandall
- Eliza Ann Crandall
- Elsey Crandall
- Lewis Crandall JR

Even though the 1850 census includes a child named Frederick, the probate and deed records don't include Frederick. Thus, additional records are needed to confirm that Frederick Crandall is the son of Lewis Crandall and Almira Nafus.

# Lewis Crandall Descendants

Wednesday, May 04, 2022

Currently, FamilySearch has identified 11 children for Lewis Crandall. John Nafus Crandall's obituary, which states he was the 5th child out of 10, would indicate that one of those 11 children does not belong.

Since some of these children died young and others are missing from most Iowa records, it may never be possible to determine the exact family configuration. However, the 1850 census record for the family contributes to the confusion. This census record shows an 11 year old Frederick Crandall (male) and does not show a 10 year old Freeloove Crandall (female).

9	Frederick	11	M
10	Freeloove	10	F
11	John	9	M
12	Almira	8	F
13	John	7	M
14	Frederick	6	M
15	Elizabeth	5	F
16	John	4	M
17	Frederick	3	M
18	Frederick	2	M

Thus, Frederick makes the list of children, even though he is not listed in the probate documents. I include Freeloove Crandall as a child because she is mentioned in the probate documents while missing from the 1850 census.

## 1- Lewis Crandall-1796

b: 19 August 1807, prob Genesee County, New York

d: March 1852, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

+Anna Tuttle-4577

m: 1846, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

d: after 1860, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

+Almira Nafus-4939

m:

d: before 1846

## ..... 2- Charles Crandall-21523

b: 22 December 1830, , Ohio

d: 12 November 1842, , Van Buren Co., Iowa

## ..... 2- Sarah Crandall-21524

b: 30 April 1832, , Ohio

d: 10 September 1834, , Seneca County, Ohio

## ..... 2- Jane Crandall-4578

b: 13 June 1833, Seneca, Ohio, United States

d: 30 August 1901, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

..... +Thomas Clinton Dodson-4609

b: 22 February 1828, Pennsylvania, United States

m: 31 January 1856, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 17 October 1900, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Lewis Dodson-8701  
 b: July 1858, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 February 1902, Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . +Margaret May Pierson-21487  
 b: 30 March 1870, Tipton, Cedar, Iowa, United States  
 m: 15 October 1901, Linn, Iowa, United States  
 d: 25 March 1949  
 . . . . . +Emma \_-21488 . . . . . 4- Dodson-21489  
 b: 18 February 1881, Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 18 February 1881, Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Keren B. Dodson-8702  
 b: 21 August 1862, Iowa, United States  
 d: 6 July 1889, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . +James Grant Cochran-21481  
 b: 7 May 1864, Scotland, Missouri, United States  
 m: 11 October 1888, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 19 June 1915, Monrovia, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Cochren-21482  
 b: 26 April 1889, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 April 1889, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Julia D. Dodson-8703  
 b: 1863, Des Moines Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 . . . . . +Luther Jones-21483  
 b: 9 October 1855, Iowa, United States  
 d: 28 September 1939, Boise, Ada, Idaho, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Goldie Jones-21484  
 b: 1892  
 d:  
 . . . . . 4-George Riley Jones-21485  
 b: 24 December 1884, Des Moines, Van Buren, Iowa  
 d: 8 November 1979, Idaho, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Clinton Delbert Jones-21486  
 b: 8 April 1882, Kilbourn, Van Buren, Iowa  
 d: 19 May 1955, Kansas City, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States  
  
 . . . . 2- **Salome Adell Crandall**-1702  
 b: 24 June 1836, Ohio, Kentucky, United States  
 d: 30 August 1893, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . +Thurston Kennedy Wells-1701  
 b: 26 February 1821, Sullivan, Madison, New York, United States  
 m: 20 March 1861, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 June 1893, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Freddie L. Wells-4580  
 b: 16 January 1862, Eaton, Michigan, United States  
 d: 25 September 1869  
 . . . . . 3-Mary A. Wells-1814  
 b: 1 January 1866, Eaton, Michigan, United States  
 d: 23 September 1866  
 . . . . . 3-Anna May Wells-1720  
 b: 12 June 1868, Pleasant Hill (historical), Van Buren, Iowa, United States

d: 7 May 1938, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... +John Frederick Mentzer-1721  
 b: 3 March 1871, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 m: 27 March 1895, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 16 May 1943, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Hazel Adell Mentzer-1750  
 b: 19 May 1896, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 24 January 1985  
 ..... 4-Cecile Marie Mentzer-1751  
 b: 7 November 1897, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 28 August 1980, Allen County Hospital, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Lelia Pearl Mentzer-1748  
 b: 26 April 1899, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 1 October 1981, Riverside, Riverside, California, United States  
 ..... 4-Marjorie Emma Mentzer-1746  
 b: 18 September 1901, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 8 December 1962, Whittier, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 4-Wilfred Francis Mentzer-1745  
 b: 29 January 1903, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 6 May 1972, Montebello, Los Angeles, California, United States  
 ..... 4-Harley Wells Mentzer-1752  
 b: 13 June 1904, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 27 March 1984, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Mildred Mabel Mentzer-1747  
 b: 5 October 1906, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 12 December 1991, Orange, Orange, California, United States  
 ..... 4-Aleta Doris Mentzer-1749  
 b: 8 June 1909, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 19 June 1997, Oklahoma, United States  
 ..... 3-Nettie Adell Wells-1710  
 b: 5 February 1873, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 9 February 1939, Neosho Falls, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 ..... +Charles Oliver Mentzer-1709  
 b: 1 July 1869, Kewanee, Henry, Illinois, United States  
 m: 18 October 1893, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 15 August 1955, Newman Hospital, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Gladys Olive Mentzer-1711  
 b: 9 July 1894, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 2 June 1977, Kansas Christian Home, Newton, Harvey, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Paul Emory Mentzer-1712  
 b: 28 March 1896, Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 14 August 1942, Charles Maxwell Hospital, Lamar, Prowers, Colorado, United States  
 ..... 4-Pauline Edith Mentzer-9796  
 b: 28 March 1896, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 16 July 1984, Emporia, Lyon, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Leslie George Mentzer-1713  
 b: 23 August 1898, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 19 April 1988, Countryside Estates, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States  
 ..... 4-Herbert Wells Mentzer-1714  
 b: 20 July 1900, a farm northwest of Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States  
 d: 25 March 1977, Allen County Hospital, Iola, Allen, Kansas, United States

. . . . . 2- **John Nafus Crandall-1797**  
 b: 13 September 1836, Franklin, Ohio, United States  
 d: 21 December 1914, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . +Charlotte Jane Brown-4598  
 b: 16 March 1843, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 m: 3 April 1861, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 26 March 1917, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Lewis Alphonso Crandall-4940  
 b: 7 July 1862, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 26 February 1943, Tacoma, Pierce, Washington, United States  
 . . . . . +Jessie May Roberts-4947  
 b: 2 March 1879, Nielsville, Wisconsin  
 m: 24 December 1901  
 d: 7 November 1914, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-George Crandall-9239  
 b: about 1903, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Claud Crandall-9240  
 b: 14 January 1904, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Czernie Kenneth Crandall-9241  
 b: 19 April 1905, Oregon, United States  
 d: 26 October 1947, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Harriet Crandall-9242  
 b: about 1907, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Ira Millard Crandall-4941  
 b: 31 August 1863, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 6 December 1936, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . +Augusta Blanche McNeal-4948  
 b: January 1867, Illinois, United States  
 m: 14 January 1884, Kansas, United States  
 d: February 1919  
 . . . . . 4-Grace Crandall-4949  
 b: November 1884, Kansas, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Nina Crandall-4950  
 b: 11 July 1887, Cora, Smith, Kansas, United States  
 d: 15 May 1971  
 . . . . . 4-Nettie Crandall-4952  
 b: June 1893, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Hattie Crandall-4951  
 b: June 1893, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 3-Albert Iowa Crandall-4942  
 b: 19 October 1868, Bonaparte, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 8 December 1943, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . +Nettie I. Amos-9234  
 b: October 1869, Oregon, United States  
 m: about 1899, Oregon, United States  
 . . . . . 4-Hilda A. Crandall-21497  
 b: 21 February 1902, Oregon, United States  
 d: June 1971  
 . . . . . 4-Lola K Crandall-21498  
 b: 26 February 1905, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 d:  
 . . . . . 4-Doris Crandall-21499

b: 9 July 1907, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 d: 19 February 1981, McMinnville, Yamhill, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 3-Flora Crandall-4944  
 b: 30 March 1871, Bonaparte Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 3 November 1944, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 ..... +William Marsden Brown-9235  
 b: 7 August 1869, Iowa, United States  
 m: 1892, Oregon, United States  
 d: 19 April 1953  
 ..... 4-John Prentiss Brown-9236  
 b: 30 October 1893, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 d: July 1963, Los Gatos, Santa Clara, California, United States  
 ..... 4-Lurlene L. Brown-9237  
 b: 31 January 1896, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 d: 30 October 1952, Honolulu, Hawaii  
 ..... 3-Emma O. Crandall-4946  
 b: 2 August 1873, Iowa, United States  
 d: 13 January 1944, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 ..... +Luther A. Wiley-9238  
 b: 5 September 1873, Illinois, United States  
 m: 5 September 1900, Lebanon  
 d: 27 June 1923, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 4-Merz A Wiley-21501  
 b: 21 November 1911, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 d: 30 August 1976, Multnomah, Oregon  
 ..... 4-Merl Alveen Wiley-21502  
 b: 21 November 1911, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 d: 16 October 1969, Seattle, King, Washington, United States  
 ..... 3-Lulu L. Crandall-4945  
 b: 17 August 1876, Bonaparte, Van Buren, Iowa, United States  
 d: 30 March 1922, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 ..... +Alvin Gant Williams-9231  
 b: 16 June 1862, California, United States  
 m: 20 July 1897, Oregon, United States  
 d: 7 May 1932, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 4-Henry Lewis Williams-9232  
 b: 24 April 1898, Oregon, United States  
 d: 16 February 1959  
 ..... 4-Ada Williams-21507  
 b: 17 April 1908, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 d: 17 April 1908, Lebanon, Linn, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 3-Minor Harley Crandall-4943  
 b: 4 March 1878, Cora, Smith, Kansas, United States  
 d: 18 March 1942, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 ..... +Myrtle D DuBois-21514  
 b: 18 April 1878, Kansas, United States  
 m: 18 June 1901, Yamhill, Yamhill, Oregon, United States  
 d: 24 September 1949, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, United States  
 ..... 4-John L. Crandall-21515  
 b: 5 September 1903, Roseburg, Douglas, Oregon, United States  
 d: 9 November 1958, Multnomah, Multnomah, Oregon, United States



..... 2- **Susannah Crandall**-21525

b: 13 January 1838, , Ohio

d: 18 October 1842, , Van Buren Co., Iowa

..... 2- **Freelove Crandall**-1798

b: 29 February 1840, Indiana, United States

d: 20 June 1882, Woodson, Kansas, United States

..... +Josiah Jamison-4561

m: 11 February 1867, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

..... 3-Jennie Bell Jamison-8699

b: 15 December 1867, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

d: 21 April 1946, Los Angeles, California, United States

..... +Leander Wellington Jackson-19098

b: 19 April 1868, Indiana, United States

m: 26 May 1889, Bourbon, Kansas, United States

d: October 1925, Of, Woodson, Kansas

..... 4-Eva M Jackson-19099

b: 1902, Kansas, United States

d:

..... 4-Frank Orlo Jackson-19100

b: 22 July 1893, Joplin, Jasper, Missouri, United States

d: 16 October 1964, Gentry, Benton, Arkansas, United States

..... 4-Willington Clyde Jackson-19101

b: 13 April 1890, Kansas, United States

d: 15 May 1933, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California, United States

..... 3-Narcissus Jamison-8700

b: about December 1869, Iowa, United States

..... 3-Nancy Jamison-8704

b: about 1870, Iowa, United States

..... 3-Mary Jamison-8705

b: about 1873, Iowa, United States

..... 3-Viola Jamison-8706

b: about 1875, Kansas, United States

..... 3-Jesse Jamison-8707

b: about 1879, Kansas, United States

..... +Ed Shaffer-19094

b: about 1871, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

m: 28 July 1895, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

..... 4-William H Shaffer-19095

b: 1909, Indiana, United States

d:

..... 4-Richard V Shaffer-19096

b: 4 July 1901, Van Buren Township, Van Buren, Iowa, United States

d: 9 April 1914, Central Township, St. Louis, Missouri, United States

..... 4-Vera Florence Shaffer-19097

b: 12 March 1898, Iowa, United States

d: 28 August 1900

..... 2- **Eliza Anna Crandall**-1799

b: about 1842, Iowa, United States

..... 2- **Elsey Crandall**-4614

b: about 1844, Iowa, United States

. . . . . 2- **Lewis James Crandall**-1800

b: about 1846, Iowa, United States

d: 25 March 1863

# Sibling Deeds

Thursday, May 05, 2022

As you go back generation by generation, do you try and identify your ancestor's siblings? As I'm searching for records for my third great-grandfather, Horatio Hammond, it is proving very helpful to have sources that identify his siblings, including his brothers, Theodore and Lewis.

Two of Horatio Hammond's Medina County Ohio deeds involve the three brothers. The first was dated in 1833 when they sell land. In the second deed, they purchase land in 1838. The two deeds are for two different tracts of land. Thus, additional deeds still need to be located.

## Horatio, Lewis and Theodore Hammond Sell Land in Lot 26

Medina County, Ohio Deed Records  
Volume G page 493

Theodore Hammond et al  
to  
Eleazer King

To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that we **Theodore Hammond and Mary Hammond his wife Lewis Hammond & Elenor [S] Hammond his wife and Horatio Hammond and Louisa Hammond his wife** all of the township of Bath in Medina County and State of Ohio for the sum of four hundred and twenty five dollars received to our full satisfaction of Eleazar King do give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the sd Eleazar King the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the **township of Bath in [N] 3 of the 12th Range of Township in the Connecticut Western Reserve in the State of Ohio** and county aforesaid and is known by part of **Lot No 26** north part and is bounded as follows North on highway East on land belonging to Horatio Hammond South on lands belonging to Ward K. and Royal Hammond and west on highway supposed to contain fifty acres of land be the same more or less. To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises with the appurtenances thereof unto him the said Grantee his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own proper use and behoof, and also with Sd Grantors do for ourselves our heirs executors and administrators covenant with the Sd Grantee his heirs and assigns that at and until the ensembling of these presents we are well seized of the premises, as a good indefeasible estate in fee simple and have good right to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as is above written, and that the same is free of all encumbrances whatsoever and furthermore we the Grantors do by

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these present bind ourselves our heirs forever to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained premises to him the

sd grantee his heirs and assigns against all lawful claims and demands whatsoever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this *twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three*

Theodore Hammond (ss)

Mary Hammond (SS)

Lewis Hammond (SS)

Eleanor S Hammond (SS)

Horatio Hammond (SS)

Louisa Hammond (SS)

Signed sealed and delivered

in presents of

John Newton

Laura H [Newton] (witnesses present at the signing of Theodore and Mary Hammond

Oliver Wilson

A[rz]elia A Fisk

The State of Ohio

Medina County

Personally appeared Theodore Hammond to me personally known signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed Also personally appeared Mary Hammond wife of the said Theodore Hammond and having been examined separate and apart from her said husband and the contents of the foregoing deed having been to her fully explained and made known did declare that she voluntary did sign and as her act and deed did seal acknowledge and deliver the same without any coercion or compulsion from her said husband.

before me John Newton Associate Judge

The State of Ohio

Medina County

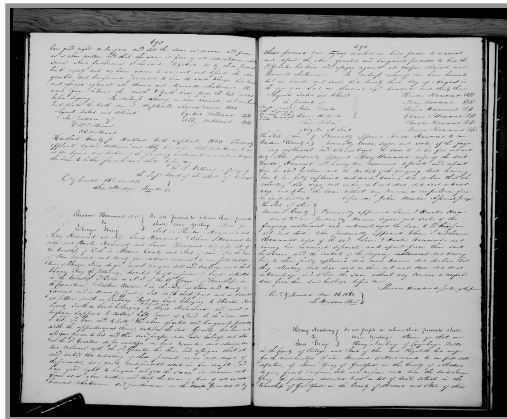
Personally appeared Lewis & Horatio Hammond to me personally known signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed. Also personally appeared Elener S. and Louisa Hammond wife of the said Lewis & Horatio Hammond, and having been examined separate and apart from their said husbands and the contents of the foregoing deed having been to them fully explained and made known did declare that they voluntary did sign and as their act and deed did seal acknowledge and deliver the same without any coercion or compulsion from their said husbands before me

Theodore Hammond Justice of the peace

Recd & Recorded Nov. 14 1833

T. Hudson Recr

Ohio, Medina County. Record of deeds, 1818-1871. Film #475502 DGS 8150786. Horatio Hammond, 23 Aug 1833 Vol. G: page 493; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 1 May 2022.



## Horatio, Theodore and Lewis Purchase Land in Lot 25

Medina County, Ohio

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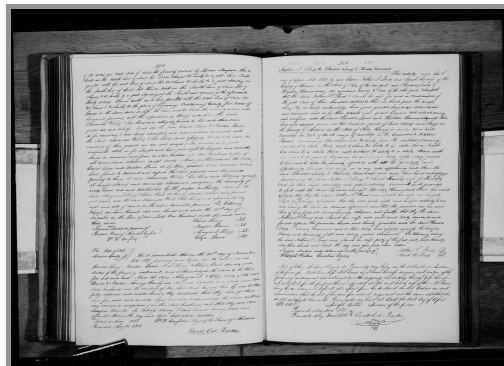
Nathan S. Jones to Theodore Lewis & Horatio Hammond

This indenter mad this **3d**

**day of April AD 1838** by and between Nathan S Jones and Sarah his wife of the County of Medina in the State of Ohio of the one part and **Theodore, Lewis & Horatio Hammonds of the aforesaid County & State** of the other part Witnesseth that the said Nathan S. Jones & Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the just sum of **three hundred dollars** to them in hand paid the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained sold released and conveyed and do by these presents give grant bargain sell release convey and confirm unto the said Theodore Lewis and Horatio Hammonds and their heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land situate and being in the **County of Medina in the State of Ohio, being in lot no 25 in Bath township in No 3 of the 12 range of township in the Connecticut western Reserve** commencing three chains and 25 links from the northeast corner of said lots at a stake thence west, 4 chains 25 links to a stake thence south one chain to a stake thence east 4 chains 25 links to a stake thence north one chain to a stake thence east 4 chains 25 links to a stake thence north one chain to the place of beginning so as to contain sixty eight rods of ground to have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Theodore Lewis Horatio Hammond and unto their heirs and assigns forever and the said Nathan S Jones & Sarah his wife for themselves and for their heirs executors and administrators covenant and promise to and with the said Theodore, Lewis & Horatio Hammond their heirs and assigns that they the said Nathan S Jones and Sarah his wife are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid that they have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid and that the premises are free and clear of and from all incumbrances whatever and further that they the said Nathan S Jones and Sarah his wife will well and truly warrant and forever defend the premises herein and hereby granted unto the said Theodore Lewis & Horatio Hammond and to their heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person whomsoever. In testimony whereof

the said Nathan S. Jones and Sarah his wife party of the first part, have hereunto  
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written  
Nathan S Jones (SS)  
Sarah H. Jones (SS)  
Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents of  
Joseph Futton  
Emeline Rogers  
State of Ohio Medina County SS  
personally came before me the subscriber a Justice  
of the peace for Bath township N. S. Jones and Sarah his wife seigners and sealers of  
the  
foregoing instrument and acknowledged the seigning and sealing thereof to be their free  
act and deed for the purposes therein expelled and the said Sarah wife of the N. S. Jones  
being by me examined seperate and apart from her husband she did declare on such  
examination that she did of her own free accord seign and seal the same and that she  
is still satisfied therewith Given under my hand at Bath this 14th day of April  
Ad 1838  
Joseph Fulton Justice of the peace  
Received may 14th 1838  
Recorded May 31st 1838  
Oviatte Cole, Recorder

Ohio, Medina County. Record of deeds, 1818-1871. Film #475506 DGS 8150789.  
Horatio Hammind, 3 Apr 1838 Vol. O: Page 405; digitized images, FamilySearch  
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# Friday Findings

Friday, May 06, 2022

## Crandall Bible

While searching for information on my Hutchinson / Harding lines at the genealogy library hosted by the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society in St. Joseph, Missouri, I ran across a family Bible containing CRANDALL Bible records. Since Salome Crandall is one of my 2nd great grandmothers, I took pictures of the family information in the Bible.

Below is a transcription of those pages followed by the images.

The Comprehensive Bible  
Containing  
The Old and New Testaments  
Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., unknown date

Found at the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society Library in St. Joseph, Missouri

Bible Donated by Virginia Bettis, St. Joseph, MO  
to be kept in Gen. Library

### Marriages

John Browning to Mary Davis February 28th 1863  
John Browning to Eunice Williams Augt 3rd 1[7]77  
John Crandall to Mary Browning February 1803  
Edwin Carter to Samantha Crandall Oct 15 1829  
Lucian E Carter to Eliza Griffith Overall April 27 1870  
David Dibbell married to Eunice Emily Carter Feby 27 1824  
Lucian E Carter to Eliza G Overall April 27th 1870  
George C Carter to Louisa Downer Februy 7 1872  
Eldred E Carter to Lulu N R Ashley December 11, 1878

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Edwin Carter born March 18 1805  
Samantha Crandall born April 3rd 1807  
George Crandall Carter born Thursday December 1 1831  
Lucian Edwin Carter born April 25 1836  
Mary Eliza Carter born Tuesday August 14 1838  
Farnham [Parmaler] Carter born July 30 1842  
Eldred Evelyn Carter born December 7 1849  
Mary Browning Crandall born June 1st 1781  
Robert Havens Crandall born June 5 1804  
Ira Crandall born October 13th 1805  
Samantha Crandall born April 3rd 1807  
John Browning Crandall born October 8 1808  
Mary Crandall born August 3rd 1810  
George Williams Crandall born Juli 8 18[1]2  
Eunice Crandall born March 27th 1814  
Eliza Griffith Overall born December 15th 1848  
David Dibbell born April 14 1801



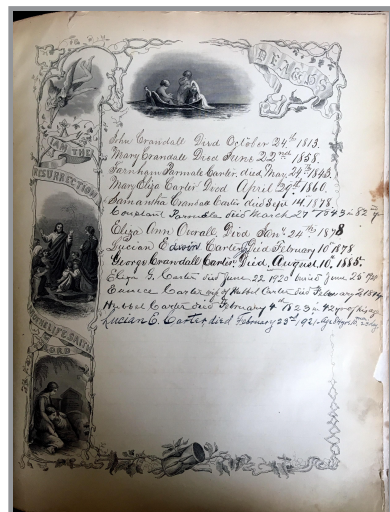
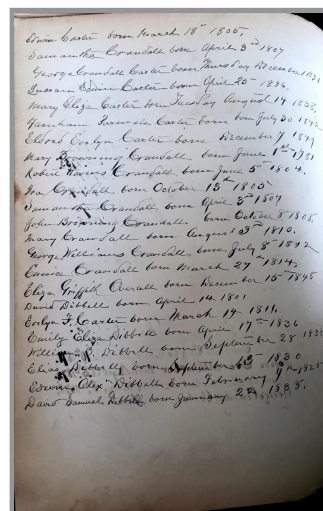
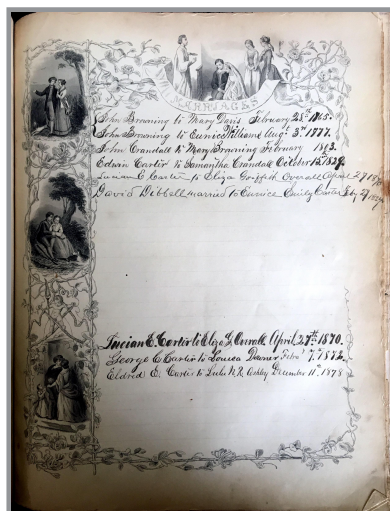
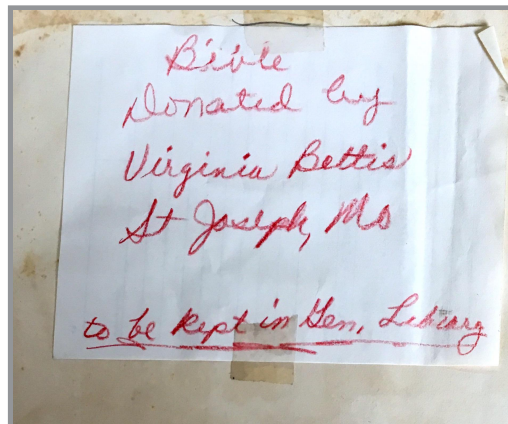
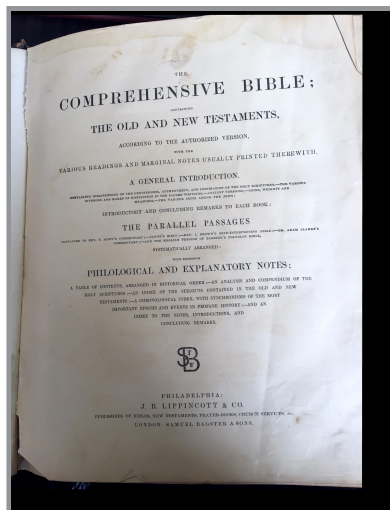
Evelyn F Carter born March 14 1811  
Emily Eliza Dibbell born April 17th 1836  
William B Dibbell born September 28 1838  
Elias Dibbell born September 13 1830  
Edwin Alex Dibbell born February 4th 1825  
David Samuel Dibbell born January 22 1838

### **Deaths**

John Crandall Died October 24th 1813  
Mary Crandall died June 22nd 1858  
Farnham Parmale Carter died May 24th 1843  
Mary Eliza Carter Died April 29th 1860  
Samantha Crandall Carter died Sept 14 1878  
[Conplant] Parmale died March 27 1843  
Eliza Ann Overall Died Jany 24th 1878  
Lucian Edwin Carter died February 10th 1878  
George Crandall Carter died August 10th 1885  
Eliza G Carter died June 22 1920 buried June 25 1920  
Eunice Carter wife of Hubbel Carter died february 2 1814  
Hubbel Carter died February 4th 1823 in 42 yrof his age  
Lucian E Carter, died February 23rd 1921 age 84 yrs 10 mos 23 day

### **Births**

John Browning born November 15th 1742  
Eunice Williams Browning born December 25th 1753  
Mary Browning born June 1st 1781  
John Crandall born 1777  
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Edwin Carter born March 18th 1805  
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Eliza Griffith (Overall) Carter born December 15th 1848  
Edwin Overall Carter born March 10th 1871  
John Overall Carter born April 8th 1872  
Lucian E Carter Jr born May 3rd 1875  
George Crandall Carter born January 20th 1881  
Constant Parmale born May 16th 1761



# Saturday Tidbits

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- 108 Ralph Benjamine Ward
- 109 Vincent August Buessing
- 110 Glenn Wilbur L[u]bbe
- 111 Raymond Eldrid Noland
- 112 Herman Louis Stallbaumer
- 113 William Robert Geren
- 114 Homer Leroy Turner
- 115 Eli Brunner
- 116 Roscoe George Smith
- 117 Allie John Hermes
- 118 James Alvin Hoskins
- 119 Emmett Thackeray Dodson
- 120 Mirl Herman Bontrager
- 121 John Jessee Barrett
- 122 Melvin Elmer Rauss
- 123 Belford J. Duryea
- 124 William Audley Sneed
- 125 William Francis Koch
- 126 Clifton Allen Holland
- 127 Garth Edwin Brinkworth
- 128 George Lee Miller
- 129 Gregory Henry Holthaus
- 130 Elmer W. McConnaughey
- 131 James Milbern Johnstone
- 132 Raymond Clement Gugelman
- 133 Harry Charles Churchill
- 134 Francis James Levret
- 135 Henry Grady Stegall
- 136 Cyril John Stallbaumer
- 137 John Charles Baldwin

138 Firmin Joseph Koch  
139 Wilbur Henry Keim  
140 Edwin Henry Wietharn  
141 Frank Edward Stuke  
142 Lawrence Joseph Olberding  
143 Lester Laverne Williamson  
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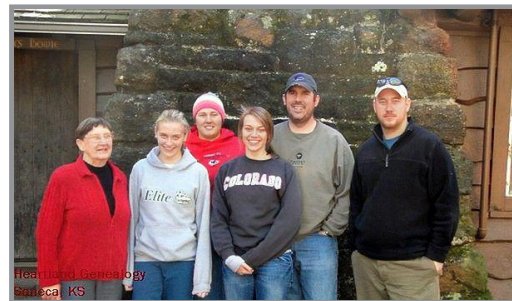
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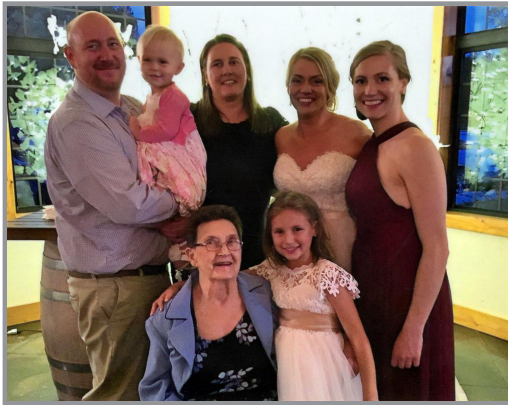


# Mother's Day

Sunday, May 08, 2022

Happy Mother's Day, Mom, Grandma and Great-Grandma







# More Hammond Deeds

Monday, May 09, 2022

Recently, Michael John Neill shared a genealogy tip to 'Account for Every Acre'. While that is excellent advice, I am having trouble doing just that while researching Horatio Hammond. As shared last week in my 'Sibling Deeds' post, I have found two deeds involving Horatio Hammond and his brothers, Theodore and Lewis. A search of the Medina County, Ohio deed indexes from 1818-1858 locates two additional deeds. Unfortunately, these additional deeds do NOT account for every acre.

## Horatio Hammond Purchase Land from Theodore Hammond in Lot 25

Medina County, Ohio  
Deed Record  
Volume N page 32

Theodore Hammond  
To  
Horatio Hammond

This Indenture was made this **twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven** by and between *Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife of the Count of Medina in the State of Ohio of the one part, and Horatio Hammond of the County and State aforesaid* of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the [just] **sum of one thousand dollars** received to our full satisfaction have given granted bargained sold released and conveyed and do by these presents give grant bargain sell release convey and confirm unto the said Horatio Hammond and his heirs and assigns forever one peace of Land or parcel of land situate and being in the **township of Bath Medina County State of Ohio being in Lot No 25** commencing at the North East corner of said Lot at a stake in the ground and running with seventeen rods to a stake in the ground thence south nine rods ten links to a stake thence East seventeen rods to a stake thence north nine rods ten links to the place of beginning to **contain one acre of land**. To have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging in or in any wise appertaining unto him the said Horatio Hammond and unto his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife for themselves and for their heirs executors and administrators covenant and promise to and with the said Horatio Hammond his heirs and assigns that they the said Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid that they have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in [manner] aforesaid and that the premises are free and clear of and from all incumbrances whatever and further that they said Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife will well and truly warrant and forever Defend the premises herein and hereby granted unto the said Horatio Hammond his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person whomsoever.



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In testimony whereof the said Theodore Hammond and Mary his wife party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

Theodore Hammond (SS)

Mary Hammond (SS)

In presence of

Joseph Futton

Samuel P Wilson

State of Ohio

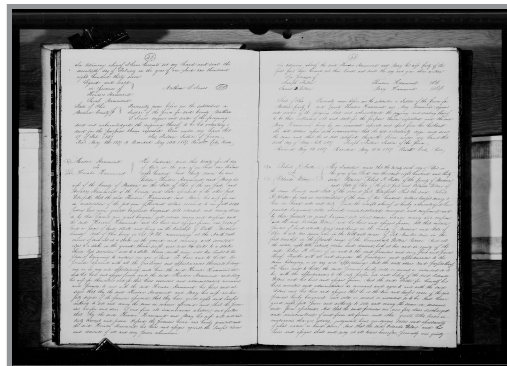
Medina County

Personally came before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County Theodore Hammond and Mary Hammond signers and sealers of the foregoing deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed and the said Mary Hammond being by me examined separte and apart from her husband she did declare upon such examination that she did voluntarily sign and seal the same and that she is still satisfied their with given under my hand this sixth day of May A.D. 1837

Joseph Fulton Justice of the peace

Received May 8th 1837 Recorded May 15th 1837 Oviatt Cole, Recr

Ohio, Medina County. Record of deeds, 1818-1871. Film #475505 DGS 8097690. Horatio Hammond, 24 Apr 1837 Vol. N: page 32; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 1 May 2022.



## Horatio Hammond Sells Land in Lot 14

Medina County, Ohio

Deed Record,

Vol N page 297

Horatio Hammond

To

Josiah Fowler

This Indenture made this *seventeenth* day of *May A.D. 1837* by and between *Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife of the County of Medina in the State of Ohio*, of the one

part and Josiah Fowler of the County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife for and in consideration of the just sum of **one hundred and forty dollars** to them in hand paid have given granted bargained sold released and conveyed and do by these presents give grant bargain sell release convey and confirm unto the said Josiah Fowler and his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land situate and being in the County of Medina in the State of Ohio, being in **Lot No 14 in "Bath township in No 3 of the 12 range of township in the Connecticut Western Reserve** commencing at the south west corner of said lot at a stake thence running north twenty chains eleven links to a stake in the ground thence East sixteen chains, ninety one links to a stake in the ground thence south twenty chains seven links to a stake in the ground thence south twenty chains eleven links to a stake in the ground thence west sixteen chains ninety one links to the place of begining to contain thirty four acres of land be the same more or less To have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said Josiah Fowler and unto his heirs and assigns forever and the said Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife for themselves and for their heirs executors and administrators covenant and promise to and with the said Josiah Fowler his heirs and assigns that they the said Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid that they have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid and that the lawful authority to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid and that the premises are free and clear of and from all incumbrances whatever and further that they the said Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife will well and truly warrant and forever defend the premises herein and thereby granted unto the said Josiah Fowler and to his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all and every person whomsoever

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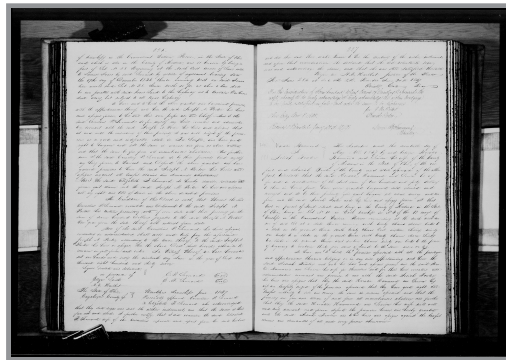
In testimony whereof the said Horatio Hammond and Louisa his wife party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written  
Horatio Hammond (ss)  
Louisa Hammond (SS)

In presence of  
Theodore Hammond  
Allen B. Smith

State of Ohio  
Medina County  
Personally came before me the subscriber a  
Justice of the Peace for sd County Horatio  
Hammond and Louisa Hammond seiners  
and sealers of the foregoing deed and acknowledged the seigning and sealin  
thereof to be their volutary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed  
and the said Louisa his wife of the said Horatio Hammond being by me  
examined separate and apart form her husband she did declare upon  
such examination that she did voluntarily seign the same and that she

is still satisfied therewith. Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> ay of may 1837  
Joseph Fuller Justice of the Peace  
Received Jun 28<sup>th</sup> 1837  
Recorded July 1<sup>st</sup> 1837  
Oviaty Cole Recr

Ohio, Medina County. Record of deeds, 1818-1871. Film #475505 DGS 8097690.  
Horatio Hammond, 17 May 1837 Vol. N: Page 297; digitized images, FamilySearch  
<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 30 April 2022.



# Death Certificate

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Horatio Hammond

Do you have important documents in your genealogy file that you have no documentation or memory of how such document was obtained? That's my case with the death certificate for Horatio Hammond.

Based on my notation on the document, I know that it was acquired during my very early research days. Thus, it was likely sent in response to a letter. Since the original letter requesting the document was not kept, the only clue I have to its origin is a statement included with the certificate from the Knox county (Illinois) clerk. Thanks to the added statement, I know that the document was sent to me in January 1983.

Physicians Certificate of Death  
State of Illinois, Knox County  
State Board of Health

1. Name Horatio Hammond
  2. Age 81 years 0 months 14 days. Occupation Farmer
  3. Date of death Nov 7th hour 8 am \* Widower
  4. Nationality and place where born Born in Connecticut
  5. How long resident in this state Thirty-One (31) yrs
  6. Place of death Ont Twmsp
  7. Cause of death Chronic Nephritis
  8. Duration of disease
  9. Place and date of burial Ontario Ont Tp Nov 8 187[0]
  10. Name and place of undertaker Wm Sumner Oneida Knox Co. Ills
- Dated at Woodhull Dec 8th 1879 W. H. Lowry M.D.  
Residence Woodhull

State of Illinois  
County of Knox

Filed: December 11, 1879

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Death Record of the Person named above and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes relating to the registration of deaths, births and stillbirths.

Dated: January 20 1983 [Yvonne Tahl]  
Knox County Clerk  
Galesburg, IL 61401

(SEAL)

"Illinois Death Certificate" (Physician's Certificate of Death, ), "Horatio Hammond".



# Horatio Hammond Will

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Horatio Hammond Will

Identifies Children

- Amelia Hadley
- Juliette Simms
- George M.
- Francis N.
- Jehiel P.
- Lucius J.
- Cornelius R.
- Richmond F.

Illinois, U.S. Wills and Probate Records, 172-1999

Knox County

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I Horatio Hammond of the county of Knox  
and State of Illinois, being now in the  
seventy eighth year of my age, and in  
the enjoyment of reasonable good health  
and of sound and disposing mind  
and while enjoying these blessings  
I desire to prepare for the hour of my  
death. I therefore make and publish  
the following as and for my true  
and only last will and testament

That is to say

First, it is my will that my Executor  
herein after to be appointed pay all  
my just debts and funeral expenses  
as soon after my decease, as this interest  
of my estate will permits

Second, after the payment of my debts  
and funeral expenses aforesaid adn the  
costs and charges of settling my estate,

It is my will and I hereby direct that  
whatever may then remain of my estate of  
whatsoever nature or kind and wheresoever  
situate whether real, personal or mixed be  
equally divided between my eight chil-  
dren, Amelia Hadley, Juli[aeth] Simms, George  
M Hammond, Francis N. Hammond, Jehiel [P]  
Hammond, Lucius J Hammond, Cornelius  
R. Hammond and Richmond F. Hammond

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Share and share alike in equal parts among  
them to their heirs and assigns forever,

and lastly, I hereby constitute and appoints  
my friend and neighbor John Calvin [Booth]  
to be the executor of this my last will and  
testament, hereby declaring this foregoing to be  
my only true last will and testaments  
and hereby declaring all other wills by me  
heretofore made entirely null and void.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this first day of  
July A.D. 1876  
Horatio Hammond (seal)  
Signed & sealed in our presence by the said  
Horatio Hammond as and for his last  
will and testaments this 1st day of July  
A.D. 1876  
Frans Colton  
R. L. Hamamon

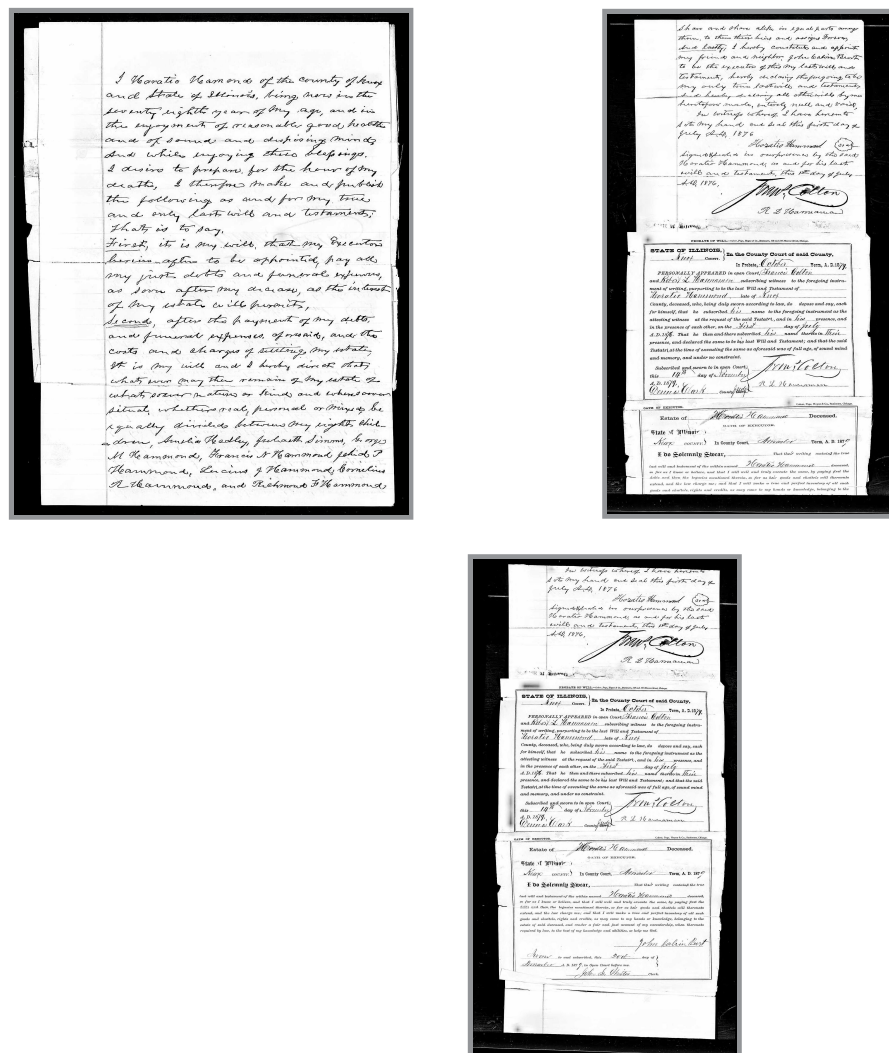
State of Illinois  
Knox County  
In the County Court of said County  
In Probate, October Term, A.D. 1879  
Personally appeared in open court Francis Colton  
and Robert L Hamamon subscribing witness to the foregoing instru-  
ment of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of  
Horatio Hammond, late of Knox  
County, deceased, who, being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say, each  
for himself, that he subscribed his name to the foregoing instrument as the  
attesting witness at the request of the said Testator and in his presence, and  
in the presence of eac other, on the First day of July  
A.D. 1876. That he then and there subscribed his name thereto in their  
presence and declared the same to e his last Will and testament; and that the said  
Testator at the time executing the same as aforesaid was of full age, of sound mind  
and memory, and under no constraint.  
Subscribed and sworn to in open Court  
Fran Colton  
R L Hamaman  
this 14th day of November  
A.D. 1879  
Dennis Clark, County Judge

Oath of Executor  
Estate of Horatio Hammond Deceased  
State of Illinois  
Knox County  
In County Court, November Term, A.D. 1879  
I do solemnly swear, that this writing contains the true  
last will and testament of the within named Horatio Hammond deceased,  
so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first  
the  
debts and then the legacies mentioned therein, so far as his goods and chattels will  
thereunto



extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and credits, as may come to my hands or knowledge, belonging to the estate of said deceased, and render a fair and just account of my executorship, when thereunto required by law, to the best of my knowledge and abilities, so help me God.  
 John Calvin Burt  
 Sworn to and subscribed, this 20th day of November A.D. 1879, in open Court before me.  
 John S. [Whiter] Clerk

Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999, Horatio Hammond, 14 November 1879; database with images, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online July 2017).



# Go Over

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Have you heard of Thomas MacEntee's 'genealogy do-over'? While I wasn't ready to throw out my years of research and totally start over, I am thankful that this challenge to 'do over' prompted me to not only go back thru my genealogy but also to learn about genealogy sources and processes.

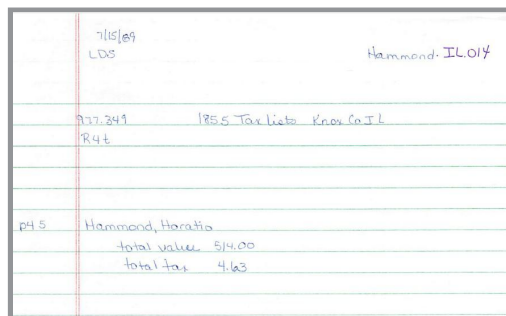
As part of my go-over process, I've been (slowly) going back thru my ancestors to

- Review the sources I have
- Transcribe the deeds, wills and probate records I've collected
- Utilize the hinting systems to locate additional sources
- Utilize the available county records on FamilySearch
- Search newspapers for obituaries, etc.

I am currently working on my 3rd great grandfathers, particularly Horatio Hammond. While I have cleaned up his narrative report and transcribed his will and some of his deeds, I am finding some of my sources are lacking. For example, there are several sources that refer to my old method of filing my notes.

30, 1855 Tax Lists, Knox County Illinois (Galesburg, IL: Knox County Illinois Genealogical Society, 1987). (Hammond, IL.014)

When I open the 'Hammond.IL.014' document, I find handwritten notes that are likely from a book.

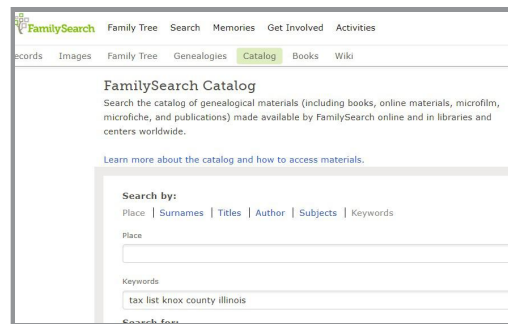


Since my notes don't tell me an author or even the publishing information that I used in my citation, I can use WorldCat to see if I can get additional information about the source.

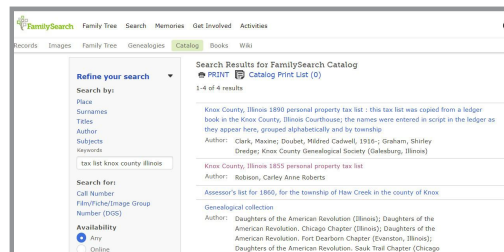


Since my notes include the 'LDS' notation, I'm assuming that I viewed this source during a visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Thus, I can also use FamilySearch

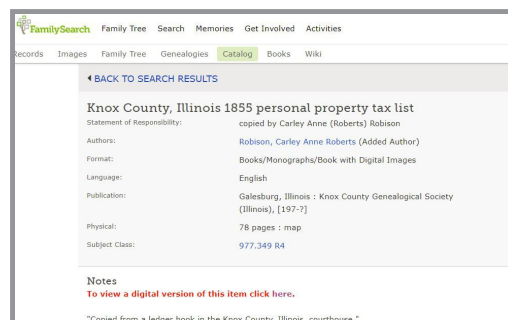
to see if I can locate information about the source. Since I'm not sure whether I recorded the title correctly, I opted to do a 'KEYWORD' search of the catalog instead of a TITLE search.



From the keyword search, I have 4 results, one of which is titled, "Knox County, Illinois 1855 personal property tax list."



When I click on the title, a page for the book opens. FamilySearch provides a name for the author which was not in the WorldCat record.



In addition, I discovered that there is a DIGITAL version of the book. Since digital books are searchable, I discovered, that the search term, 'Hammond', occurs in the book 4 times. Since I only recorded one instance in my original notes, this is information on the Hammond family that I did not have.

Knox County, Illinois 1855 personal property tax list

OWNERS	total value	total tax
Hollister, E.	937.	17.51
Holmes, W. D.	61.	1.16
Holman, Jacob	1058.	19.60
Holmes, E. V. & R.	517.	9.66
Hammond, F. H. & J. P.	879.	16.91
Hornum, Horatio	510.	9.63
Holmes, Cyrus F.	1209.	22.93
Holmes, James	645.	12.78
Hibbs, Saml. E.	235.	4.81
Huntley, L. A.	43.	.89
Ides, Oliver	530.	10.07
Johnson, John	278.	5.50

4 results for your search

Search from current range

1. Hammond, F. H. & J. P. 879. 16.91

2. Hammond, F. H. & J. P. 879. 16.91

3. Hammond, F. H. & J. P. 879. 16.91

4. Hammond, F. H. & J. P. 879. 16.91

Thanks to FamilySearch I have additional information about the Hammond family in Knox County Illinois along with information to craft a better source. Also, many thanks to Thomas MacEntee for the challenge to go back thru my research!

# Friday Finds

Friday, May 13, 2022

## Warren Crandall

Do you have any surnames in your tree where it appears that everyone with that surname goes back to a common ancestor? For me, I believe that everyone with the BRILES surname has ancestry going back to Randolph county, North Carolina. And, when I see the surname CURREY (spelled with the 'e'), I stop and pay attention.

However, I'm not sure that everyone with the CRANDALL surname have the same immigrant ancestor. So, when my grandmother, Pauline Mentzer Briles, would talk about the CRANDALL ranch I did not assume that she was related to the CRANDALLS of Crandall Ranch. She did tell me that she had worked on the ranch as a young girl. Pauline's grandmother, Salome Crandall may be related to Warren Crandall of Crandall ranch. Unfortunately, proving such a relationship will prove difficult.

An obituary for Warren Crandall provides a lot of information about him and his success.

LeRoy Reporter (LeRoy, Kansas  
23 May 1913  
Newspapers.com

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Two Well-Known Fathers Are Called

Warren Crandall and J. Q. Wilson of This Community Are Called by Death

Warren Crandall

After lying practically at death's door for several weeks, Warren Crandall, a pioneer stockman and one of the most prominent citizens of eastern Kansas, died at his home seven miles west and south of Le Roy Friday morning, April 16th at the age of seventy-nine year, eleven months and thirteen days. Mr. Crandall's ill-health has been frequently mentioned in these columns for several years.

Warren Crandall was of sturdy Revolutionary stock. His father, Joseph Crandall, was a member of the famous Boston Tea Party. Warren Crandall was born in Elyria, Lorain county, Ohio, June 3rd, 1833. His fat[h] died when he was only two years old. from Ohio he moved to Warren county, Illinois, where he grew to young manhood. In October of 1860 he married Miss Isabelle Jones. His life-mate died May 29th, 1905.

Three children survive him. They are Lewis E. Crandall, Warren Crandall, Jr., and miss Ollie Crandall. They all live on the big ranch of over 5000 acres.

Warren Crandall's influence was always on the side of progress. Through himself and his estimable wife the Christian church at Crandall was largely supported. He never forgot a friend nor did he ever fail to appreciate even the smallest favor shown him. He was a good neighbor and adored by his family.

About ten years ago, he spoke the following in regard to himself into a phonograph and the record is still preserved:

"In the spring of 1851, when I was eighteen years of age, I started with two ponies to cross the plains. I crossed the Missouri river near Council Bluffs, near where Omaha now stands, on the 9th day of May with Capt. Evans, one of General Fremont's old guides.

From that time on I did not see a dwelling house until the 20th day of August.

"In the fall of 1852, with twenty-seven others, I went prospecting in the Sierra Mountains of California. we were caught in a snow storm and for six weeks we did not taste bread or coffee. We lived on plain jerked deer meat.

I followed mining for three years and ran a pack train for three years from Crescent City to Happy Camp. These were the happiest days of my life. I employed Mexicans for help. When I started up a mountain, I would give them a drink out of a black bottle which was customary in those days and they would begin to sing in Spanish.

From Crescent city I went to San Francisco, to Panama, Aspenwall, New York and Illinois.

After my return to Illinois from California in 1858 I left with a party of three for Kansas. After a journey of three or four weeks, traveling with carriage and baggage wagon, camping near small streams and sleeping under our wagons at night, we reached LeRoy in August.

I bought 240 acres of land lying northwest of LeRoy. I returned to Illinois and stayed about two months and came back to Kansas bringing with me the Rice family and wintered on my land the following winter. In February Rice and I camp u Turkey creek and bought the claim where the house now stands for a yoke of oxen and twenty dollars. This was then known as the New York Indian lands.

In October of 1860, I married Miss Isabelle Jones. In December, I went to Ft. Scott and pre-empted my land. In 1861, the war broke out.

The Indians were passing to a fro and in 1863-64 about 5000 Indians camped on the Neosho river and I employed some of them to gather corn for me. As time passed on I bought more land and the ranch now contains over 5000 acres."

As indicated in the foregoing short sketch, Mr. Crandall's was a life full of activity, hopes, disappointments, difficulties and successes. It was not all sunshine with him. It took a stout heart and an indomitable will-power to go through what he did. With his helpful life companion he suffered all the hardships and privations of pioneer days – the droughs, grasshoppers, failures of crops and losses of stock. Through it all he emerged eminently successful, leaving to his children and grandchildren wealth beyond the hope of his most sanguine expectations.

But better than all that, he left to his posterity a name that has become a synonym of honor, integrity, kindness and good fellowship. His word was as good as a surity bond. His hand was always open to one in distress.

The great love and esteem in which he was held by all the people was evidenced by the unprecedented attendance at his funeral last Sunday afternoon. Eighty carriages and buggies brought in his neighbors from many miles around and thirty-five autos carried friends form Burlington, LeRoy, Aliceville, Neosho Falls and Yates Center.


Rev. H. g. Lamb spoke feelingly and eloquently of a good man gone. Excellent music was furnished by LeRoy singers under the direction of Rev. Shirley.

The floral decorations were magnificent. The interment was in the Crandall Cemetery.

**TWO WELL-KNOWN  
FATHERS ARE CALLED**

Warren Crandall and C. D. Wilson of Ohio Counties  
are called to death

Warren Crandall, 68, of Ohio County, died at his home in the city of Knoxville, Tenn., Monday, April 1, 1912. He was born in Ohio County, Ky., and was a member of the Methodist church. He was a well-known citizen and a member of the local board of health. He was a member of the local board of health and a member of the local board of health. He was a member of the local board of health and a member of the local board of health.



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# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, May 14, 2022

## 1940 Draft

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The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)  
25 Nov 1940  
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Draft Order  
(Official List Continued)

151 Henry Francis Hermesch  
152 Leonard Samuel Roth  
153 Alex Cyril Baumgartner  
154 Ora Francis Robbins  
155 Joseph Edward O'Toole  
156 Ora Clifford Brammer  
157 Wilbur Sylestine Jeanneret  
158 Dale LeRoy Followell  
159 Velmer Daniel Meyer  
160 Joseph Bernard McCourt  
161 John Marx Chritine  
162 Samuel C. Aeschliman  
163 Cletus Jerome Schmelzle  
164 Edward Alvin Schmits  
165 Joseph Mary Holthaus  
166 Robert Bruner Elliott  
167 William Arthur Mincher  
168 Herbert Charles Showman  
169 William J. H. Gilbert  
170 Donald Henry Fox  
171 Benedict Clement Strathman  
172 Ralph Riley Brown  
173 Emil John Hulsing  
174 Alfred Mathias Lueb  
175 Wilbur Gale Baskett  
176 Virgil Theodore Kelley  
177 Edward Bernard Schmitz  
178 Joby Carl Haynes  
179 Albert Frank Tangeman  
180 Edward Ralph Flaherty  
181 Wayne W. Donaldson  
182 Jap D. Walden Jr  
183 Albert Peter Broxterman  
184 Eddie Eldon Schoonover  
185 Erich Gottlieb Epple  
186 Bernard August Stegeman  
187 Arthur Collier

188 Frank Edwin Callahan  
189 Marvin [?ter] Cottrell  
190 Leroy James Meyer  
191 Charles Arthur Frye  
192 Charles Joseph Carroll  
193 Keith Leonard Baugh  
194 Joseph Alfard Barrett  
195 Eldon E. Schoen  
196 Henry August Runnebaum  
197 Emery LeRoy Showman  
198 Harold Clowe  
199 James Eugene Severin  
200 Clarence Jesse Hamilton

*to be continued*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, May 15, 2022

It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

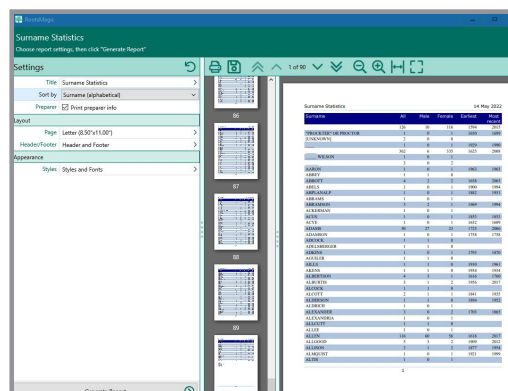
1) Go into your Genealogy Management Program (GMP; either software on your computer, or an online family tree) and figure out how to Count how many surnames you have in your family tree database.

2) Tell us which GMP you're using and how you did this task.

3) Tell us how many surnames are in your database and, if possible, which Surname has the most entries. If this excites you, tell us which surnames are in the top 5! Or 10!! Or 20!!!

Well, I have to admit that I would likely have not completed this task if Randy Seaver wasn't using the same software. Thus, I was able to 'cheat' off of his post to figure out how to do this.

I am a RootsMagic 8 user. My first attempt at using the Surname Statistics report was with the 'Surname (Alphabetical)' setting. If printed, that would produce a 90 page report!



Surname	Count	Date
BROWN	125	1/1/2022
SMITH	112	1/1/2022
JONES	100	1/1/2022
WILSON	95	1/1/2022
DAVIS	85	1/1/2022
WILLIAMS	80	1/1/2022
WALKER	75	1/1/2022
WATSON	70	1/1/2022
WELLS	65	1/1/2022
WILLIAMS	60	1/1/2022
WALKER	55	1/1/2022
WATSON	50	1/1/2022
WELLS	45	1/1/2022
WILLIAMS	40	1/1/2022
WALKER	35	1/1/2022
WATSON	30	1/1/2022
WELLS	25	1/1/2022
WILLIAMS	20	1/1/2022
WALKER	15	1/1/2022
WATSON	10	1/1/2022
WELLS	5	1/1/2022
WILLIAMS	1	1/1/2022

Running the report with the 'Frequency of Surname' sorting option still produces the same information in a different order. Leaving out those individuals yet to have a surname added, the following are my top surnames:

- Crawford – 1482
- Ricketts – 921
- Foster – 422
- Briles – 397
- Curry – 336
- Wells – 285
- Thompson – 268

- Hammond – 263
- Mentzer – 203
- Sellers – 195 (Not an ancestral line)
- Smith – 185
- Currey – 181
- Young – 158
- Broyles – 140
- Ralston – 131
- Jones – 126
- Burke – 126
- Rush – 119
- Hutchinson – 118
- Allen – 116
- Christy – 109
- Crandall – 102

Did you notice the similar surnames in the list? Since the name is spelled differently, names like Curry/Currey and Briles/Broyles appear in the list twice. To help identify other names with duplicate spellings, I exported the report to Excel.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Surname	All	Male	Female	Earliest	Most recent	
1	CRAWFORD	1482	855	619	1625	2019	
2	RICKETTS	921	510	411	1632	2020	
3	FOSTER	422	217	194	1618	2017	
4	BRILES	397	210	183	1740	2022	
5		362	6	355	1625	2008	
6	CURRY	336	187	148	1733	1981	
7	WELLS	285	168	114	1611	2017	
8	THOMPSON	268	144	123	1660	2008	
9	HAMMOND	263	146	114	1601	2020	
10	MENTZER	203	105	97	1751	2018	
11	SELLERS	195	92	101	1720	1988	
12	SMITH	185	93	88	1595	2017	
13	CURREY	181	105	72	1735	2006	
14	YOUNG	158	88	70	1763	2016	
15	BROYLES	140	82	58	1670	1992	
16	RALSTON	131	67	59	1751	2020	
17	JONES	126	69	55	1598	2016	
18	BURKE	126	66	60	1783	2001	

This allowed me to see that I have 3577 unique surnames in my list and to sort them alphabetically. Once sorted I can visually browse to list to locate other similarly spelled surnames.

- Andersen / Anderson
- Barnhard / Barnhart
- Barret / Barrett
- Beall / Beals
- Beattie, Beatty / Beaty
- Beckerdike / Beckerdite
- Beer / Beere / Berr
- etc.

Browsing this alphabetical list also revealed what is likely a misspelling: Cawrford.

Thank you Randy for this challenge to look at our data differently!

# Horatio Hammond

Monday, May 16, 2022

**Horatio Hammond** was born on 24 Oct 1798 in Connecticut, United States. 1 – 5 He was baptized on 23 Jul 1799 in Southington, Hartford, Connecticut, United States. 6 About 1826, he resided on a farm a mile west of in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 1 Horatio was listed on the tax rolls in 1826 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 7 He was listed on the tax rolls in 1827 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 8 He along with Jonathan Hale were the first directors of public school in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 1 Horatio was listed on the tax rolls in 1828 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 9 On 2 Apr 1829, George M. Hammond was born in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 10 He lived in Medina, Medina, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1830. 11 On 22 Dec 1830, Francis N. Hammond was born in Bath Township, Summit, Ohio, United States. He was listed on the tax rolls in 1833 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 12 Horatio and Louisa his wife, Theodore Hammond and Mary Hammond his wife, and Lewis Hammond and Elenor Hammond his wife sold 50 acres of land in township of Bath of the 12 range to Eleazar King on 23 Aug 1833 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 13 On 4 Sep 1833, Lucius J. Hammond was born in Bath Township, Summit, Ohio, United States. 14 He was listed on the tax rolls in 1834 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 15 He, along with Royal Hammond, operated a store about 1835 in Hammond's Corners, Ohio. 1 Horatio was listed on the tax rolls in 1835 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 16 He was listed on the tax rolls in 1836 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 17 On 17 Oct 1836, Cornelius Rosewell Hammond was born in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 18 He was listed on the tax rolls in 1837 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 19 Horatio purchased land being one acre in lot 25 of Bath township for \$1000 from Theodore Hammond on 24 Apr 1837 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 20 He sold land being in lot 14 in Bath township to Josiah Fowler on 17 May 1837 in Medina, Ohio, United States. 21 On 3 Apr 1838, he purchased land being lot 25 in Bath township in No 3 of the 12 range with his brothers Theodore and Lewis in Medina, Ohio, United States. 22 Horatio resided on 24 May 1839 in Alexandria, Licking, Ohio, United States where he engaged in milling flour and also had a saw mill. 1 He lived in Saint Albans Township, Licking, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1840. 23 He purchased lot 15 being 41.52 acres in section 16 of township 13N Range 2E on 16 Oct 1847 in Illinois. 24 Horatio migrated in Jun 1848 to Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States. 1 He purchased lot 14 being 40 acres in section 16 township 13N Range 2E on 16 Oct 1848 in Illinois. 25 He purchased land being lot 16 in section 16 of township 13N in Range 2E on 16 Oct 1848 in Illinois. 26 Horatio purchased land being lot 9 of section 16 in township 1N of range 2E on 16 Oct 1848 in Illinois. 27 He purchased land being lot 13 SWSW of section 16 in township 13N of Rang 2E containing 41.69 acres on 18 May 1850 in Illinois, United States. 28 He lived in Township 13N 1E, Knox County, Illinois on 1 Jul 1850. 29 – 30 Horatio was listed on the tax rolls in 1855 in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States. 31 He lived in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States on 3 Jul 1855. 32 He lived in Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States on 10 Jul 1860. 33 Horatio was listed on the tax rolls in 1865 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States. 34 He lived in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States on 25 Jul 1870. 35 – 36 He published a Hammond family genealogy in 1876 . 1 Horatio signed a will on 1 Jul 1876 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States. 37 He died on 7 Nov 1879 at the age of 81 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States. 1 , 3 – 5 , 38 – 40 He was buried on 8 Nov 1879 in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States. 3 , 5 , 38 Horatio had his estate probated on 14 Nov 1879 in Knoxville, Knox, Illinois, United States. 37

Horatio Hammond and Louisa Fisk were married on 14 Apr 1825 in Medina, Medina,

Ohio, United States. 1 – 2 , 41 – 46 **Louisa Fisk**, daughter of Jonathan Fisk and Mary Arnold, was born on 5 Aug 1806 in Watertown, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. 1 , 47 She was born on 16 Aug 1806 in Watertown, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. 45 On 2 Apr 1829, George M. Hammond was born in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 10 On 22 Dec 1830, Francis N. Hammond was born in Bath Township, Summit, Ohio, United States. On 4 Sep 1833, Lucius J. Hammond was born in Bath Township, Summit, Ohio, United States. 14 On 17 Oct 1836, Cornelius Rosewell Hammond was born in Bath, Summit, Ohio, United States. 18 She lived in Galesburg, Knox, Illinois, United States in Jun 1848. 41 Louisa lived in Township 13N 1E, Knox County, Illinois on 1 Jul 1850. 30 She lived in Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States on 10 Jul 1860. 33 She lived in Ontario Township, Knox, Illinois, United States on 25 Jul 1870. 48 – 49 Louisa died on 17 Aug 1874 at the age of 68 in Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States. 1 – 2 , 5 , 45 , 47 , 50 – 51 She was buried after 17 Aug 1874 at Ontario Cemetery in Ontario, Knox, Illinois, United States. 5 , 50 – 51

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# Missing Book

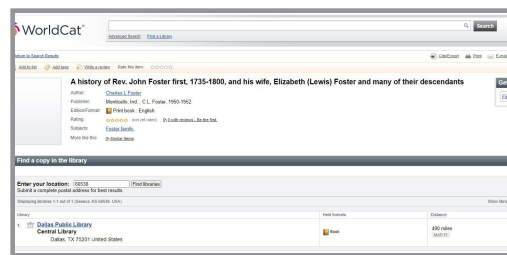
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Do you have old family group sheets (FGS) from other researchers? While those old handwritten documents are similar to today's online trees, they may contain information from sources that are difficult to find.

As I was going thru my folder of FOSTER files yet to be scanned, I came across a group of such FGS for the family of Reverend John Foster. Buried in this pile of records are what appear to be transcriptions from books. A couple of those transcriptions are for my branch of the Foster family. Fortunately, there is enough of a handwritten note to identify the source.

all this is from Charles L. Foster's 'A History of Rev. John Foster and his descendants'

This was enough information to locate the book on WorldCat. Unfortunately, the book is not readily available.



Below is the transcription attached to the FGS for John Foster (1733/4-1800) and his wife Elizabeth Lewis.

John Foster was born about 1735 at or near Cumberland, Maryland. He married Elizabeth Lewis in 1758. She may have been born in Ireland. After her death in 1780 he married Sarah Cresap, who died in 1795. John died in 1800 in Pike County, Ohio, and is buried there.

John was a remarkable man and more than one volume would be necessary to completely tell his story. Originally thought to have-belonged to the Anglican Church, he took

up with Methodism when that faith first came to America from England. He became a Methodist minister about 1765. His sons Lewis and John also became Methodist ministers.

John also was a Revolutionary War soldier. In the "Archives of Maryland," Vol. 18, page 47, there is recorded that John enlisted in Capt. Peter Mantz' "Flying Camp" on July 13, 1776. "Flying Camp" was a term taken from the French army, and signified that members of that group were equipped and trained to move quickly from one location to another. It follows that soldiers in such an organization must have been men of exceptional vigor and endurance.

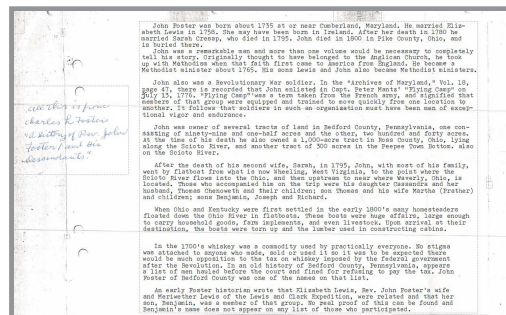
John was owner of several tracts of land in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, one consisting of ninety-nine and one-half acres and the other, two hundred and forty acres. At the time of his death he also owned a 1,000-acre tract in Ross County, Ohio, lying along the Scioto River, and another tract of 300 acres in the Peepee Town Bottom. also on the Scioto River.

After the death of his second wife, Sarah, in 1795, John, with most of his family, went by flatboat from what is now Wheeling, West Virginia, to the point where the Scioto River flows into the Ohio. and then upstream to near where Waverly, Ohio, is located. Those who accompanied him on the trip were his daughter Cassandra and her husband, Thomas Chenoweth and their children; son Thomas and his wife Martha (Prather) and children; sons Benjamin, Joseph and Richard.

When Ohio and Kentucky were first settled in the early 1800's many homesteaders floated down the Ohio River in flatboats. These boats were huge affairs, large enough to carry household goods, farm implements, and even livestock. Upon arrival at their destination, the boats were torn up and the lumber used in constructing cabins.

In the 1700's whiskey was a commodity used by practically everyone. No stigma was attached to anyone who made, sold or used it so it was to be expected there would be much opposition to the tax on whiskey imposed by the federal government after the Revolution. In an old history of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, appears a list of men hauled before the court and fined for refusing to pay the tax. John Foster of Bedford County was one of the names on that list.

An early Foster historian wrote that Elizabeth Lewis, Rev. John Foster's wife and Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, were related and that her son, Benjamin, was a member of that group. No real proof of this can be found and Benjamin's name does not appear on any list of those who participated.

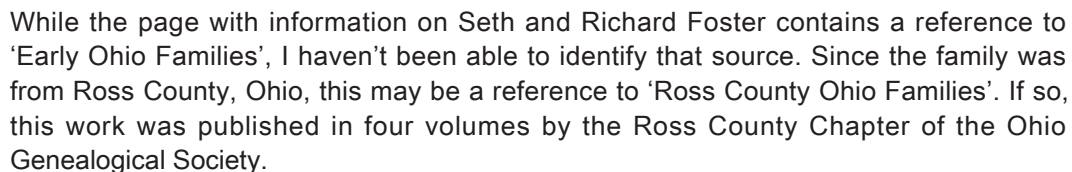


The FGS for Richard Foster (1779-1831) and his wife Rachel Browning included the following information from Charles Foster's book.

Seth Clark Foster was born in Jackson Township, Pike County, Ohio, in 1821, a son of Richard and Rachel (Browning) Foster, and the only representative of a once large family, now living in Pike County. He was married in 1830 to Maria, daughter of James and Mary (Condon) Day. -Three children have been born to them—a daughter, Nancy, died in infancy, and two sons, James Richard and Thomas Day. Mr. Foster is one one of the most prominent farmers in the county, and has held some of the responsible offices of his township. He has been School Director for eighteen years. He has a farm of 217 acres, and is surrounded by all the comforts of a good home.— From "Early Ohio Families."

Richard was born in 1779, and resided with his father till manhood, when he went back to Maryland and married Rachel Browning, remaining there until after the birth of two sons. He then returned to Ohio, having inherited the homestead of 300 acres, to which he afterward added 130 more. He was a man of frugal habits, and with the assistance of a kind father, became one of the most prosperous men in the county. He was a member of no church but his influence was always on the side of Christianity and morality. His wife was a member of the Methodist Church. His death was due to hydrophobia, having been bitten by his own dog. Doctors at that time did not know how to treat that affliction.—From

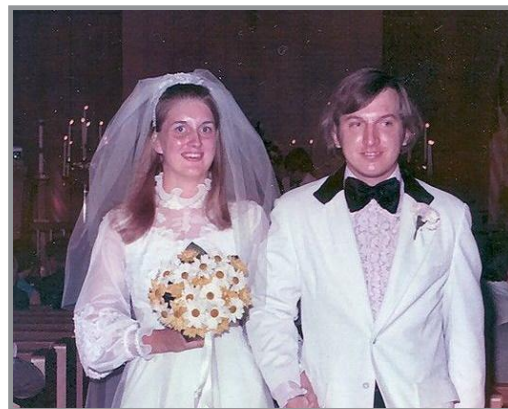
What an interesting story one could write about Richard's trip from Ohio back to Maryland to marry Rachel in 1801. There was no public transportation of any kind so he either must have walked or rode horseback. There were no roads, no marked trails, no inns or eating places along the way. There were no bridges over streams and Indians were none too friendly. Bad weather and wild animals could also have been a problem. Richard probably brought Rachel and his two sons back yo Ohio by joining another group and floating down the Ohio River.





## 48 Years

Wednesday, May 18, 2022





# Stella Root Probate

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Have you ever encountered a large probate file? In the papers my grandmother, Winnie Crawford, gave me was information regarding the estate of my great-grandmother's sister, Stella Root. At some point, I wrote to Creek County, Oklahoma to request a copy of the probate file. And I received a 74 page file.

This probate file not only identifies Stella's siblings, but also many of her husband's nieces and nephews, along with mailing addresses.

Transcribed below are several pages from this file, including the will, the addresses and the final settlement.

Probate No. 5996  
Stella M. Root, deceased  
74 pages long

Jan 16, 1950

Creek County, Oklahoma  
County Court

Jan. 16, 1950 – Before Hon. S. M. CUNNINGHAM, County Judge.

MR. JENNINGS If the Court please, petition was filed by Mrs. Jos1e Crawford, sister of the deceased, asking for the probate of the will executed in 1927, and for the appointment of J. O. Edwards as administrator of the estate with the will annexed. The Exchange Trust Company was named in the will, and as your Honor remembers, it closed and became defunct years ago, and is no longer in business. Notice has been given pursuant to the order setting this cause for trial, and the proof of posting and mailing has been filed. No contest has been filed. The witnesses to the will are L.H. Childress, Mrs. Childress and M.L. Matson  
Under the Statute, I take it that since there is no contest, one subscribing witness is sufficient.

Creek County, Oklahoma, Probate File, No. 5996 (16 January 1950), Stella Root, 30 December 1950; County Court, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Last Will and Testament

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Last Will & Testament  
of  
Stella M. Root

I, Stella M. Root, of the City of Sapulpa, in Creek County, State of Oklahoma, being now in good health, strength of body and mind, but sensible of the uncertainty of this earthly life, and desiring to make disposition of my property and affairs while in health and strength, do hereby make, publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament, hereby

revoking and canceling all other or former wills by me at any time made.

I direct the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses

I give and devise to my beloved niece, Pauline Alice Root, all of the oil, gas and mineral royalties or rights by me owned on, in and to the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section numbered Ten (10), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Eleven (11) East, in Creek County, State of Oklahoma, and all of the personal property, wherever the same may be, of which I may die possessed, after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses.

I give and devise to the brothers and sisters of my late beloved husband, William P. Root, deceased, or to the children of such of said brothers or sisters as may be deceased, one half of all property remaining after the carrying out of the provisions of paragraphs numbered 1 and 2 hereof; it being my desire and intent that the above named Pauline Alice Root, shall take under this paragraph a proportion like unto that of her brothers and sister, in addition to the provision made for her herein in paragraph numbered 2 hereof.

All of the rest and residue of my estate I give and devise, in equal proportions, to the following named persons:

My beloved Father, R. F. Hammond

My beloved brother, Clyde N. Hammond, of Dodge City, Kansas

My beloved sister, Mrs. Nellie E. Bleecker of Scott city, Kansas

My beloved sister, Mrs. Josie Crawford, of Dodge City, Kansas

Provided: that in the event that my said Father, R. F. Hammond, does not survive me, then his share above provided for shall be and go in equal proportions to my above named brother and sisters, or their heirs.

I hereby appoint and designate Exchange Trust Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, sole executor of this, my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, I, Stella M. Root, have to this my last will and testament, consisting of one sheet of paper, subscribed my name this 29th day of August, 1927.

(sgd) Stella M. Root

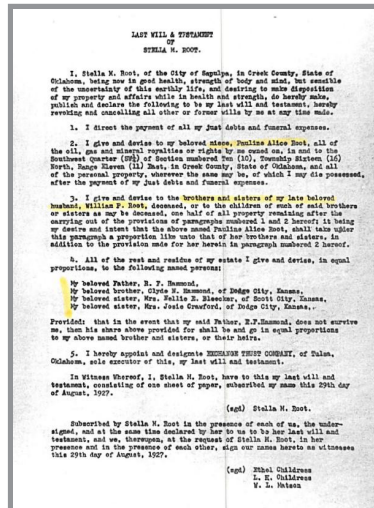
Subscribed by Stella M. Root in the presence of each of us, the undersigned, and at the same time declared by her to us to be her last will and testament, and we, thereupon, at the request of Stella M. Root, in her presence and in the presence of each other, sign our names hereto as witnesses this 29th day of August, 1927.

(sgd) Ethel Childress

L. H. Childress

W. L. Matson

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## Proof of Mailing and Posting

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In the County Court of Creek County,  
State of Oklahoma  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Stella M. Root, Deceased  
Number 5996 Probate

## Proof of Mailing and Posting

George H. Jennings, being first duly sworn, says, that he is the attorney for the petitioner in the above entitled cause, and that on the 4th day of January, 195, a duplicate original of the foregoing notice herein, was, by him, enclosed in envelopes separately addressed to each of the following named persons at the respective addresses set forth opposite their names, as follows:

George Root, Portland Oregon;  
Dewey Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 583, Ft. Collins, Colorado;  
Gertrude Cocksey, 195 west 29th, National City, California;  
Walter Edwin Root, 416 Lincoln Street, Santa Cruz, California;  
Maud Nelson, 423 Euclid Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico;  
Nellie Stavrous, 1213 Vermont Street, Lawrence, Kansas;  
Edith Hughes, 76 Roydon Road, New Haven, Connecticut;  
Harold root, Elgin, Kansas;  
Pauline Gibson, 411 South Main Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma;  
Georgie Glossip, 639 South Jefferson, Springfield, Missouri;  
Estella Root, 76 Roydon Road, New Haven, Connecticut;  
Nelle Be. Hardwick, 1817 South Boston, Tulsa 14, Oklahoma;  
Ralph E. Bunyan, Pond Creek, Oklahoma;  
Pearl Kolb, Pond Creek, Oklahoma;  
Marjorie Saclwachter, Meeker, Oklahoma;  
Myrtle Hills, Medford, Oklahoma;  
Dorothy Bunyan, 210 Arcadia Place, San Antonio 9, Texas;

Clyde N. Hammond, 151 7th Avenue, North Payette, Idaho; and  
Nellie I. Bleacher, 3328 Thorn Street, sand Diego, California;

and the same were, on said date, deposited in the United States Post Office at  
Sapulpa, Oklahoma, with postage thereon duly prepaid.

Affiant further says that on the 4th day of January, 1950, he posted a duplicate original of  
said notice in each of the following places in Creek County, Oklahoma; one on the  
bulletin board in the lobby of the Court House; one on the bulletin board n the lobby of the  
Clayton Building; and one on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Berryhill Building, all in  
the city of Sapulpa.

[George Jennings]

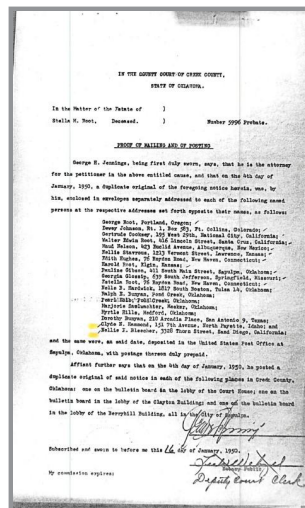
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of January, 1950

Leela Wetchel

Deputy Clerk

My Commission expires:

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December 1950; County Court, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.



Final Settlement

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In the County Court of Creek County,  
State of Oklahoma  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Stella Root, Deceased  
Number 5996 Probate

Final Decree

This cause comes on to be heard on this 30th day of December, 1950, pursuant to the  
order entered herein on November 30, 1950, and to the order entered herein on  
December 21, 1950, and it appearing to the court that due notice of the settlement of the  
final account of J. O. Edwards, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Stella  
Root, deceased, has been given as required by said order, and according to law; and the

court having examined the final account of said administrator, and the vouchers produced by him, and having examined said administrator under oath, and it appearing to the court that the said J. O. Edwards, as such administrator, has well and truly accounted for every part of said estate, and there being no objections, and the court being fully advised:

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the accounts of said J. O. Edwards, administrator, as aforesaid, be, and the same are hereby finally settled, allowed and adjusted by the court according to the terms and tenor of the final account of said administrator, as amended, on file herein, and distribution of said estate in accordance with the terms of the last will and testament of said Stella Root, deceased, is hereby ordered; and.

It appearing to the court on satisfactory proof and the evidence that the necessary expenses of the funeral and of the last illness of the deceased, and of the administration of said estate have been fully paid and satisfied;

and

It further appearing that no estate, inheritance or transfer tax is due to the State of Oklahoma from the waiver on file herein of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and,

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It further appearing that said estate has been fully administered and is ready for distribution, and

It further appearing to the court that due notice of the application for a final decree and for the distribution of said estate, in accordance with the terms of the last will and testament of said deceased, has likewise been duly given as required by the order of this court, and according to law: and,

It further appearing to the court that said decedent died testate and that the residue of the estate consists of the following described real and personal property:

Real Estate

The South 6.7 feet of Lot Two (2), and the North 43.3 feet of Lot Three (3) in Block Ninety-Six (96) of the Original Townsite of the City of Sapulpa, Creek County, Oklahoma; and

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the East Halve (E2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW4) and the Northeast Quarter (NE4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW4) of the Northwest quarter (NW4) of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Nineteen (19) North, Range Nine (9) East, Creek County, State of Oklahoma; which said property is involved in cause number 27764 of the causes pending in the District Court of Creek County, Stat of Oklahoma; and

Personal Property

Household and kitchen furniture and effect located upon the premises first above described; and,

it appearing to the court that said administrator, at the date of the filing of his final account herein, had on hand in cash, the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-nine and 94/100 Dollars (\$329.94), and that since said date, said administrator has paid: (a) the sum of twelve Dollars (412.00); (b) the sum of Seventeen and 94/100 Dollars (\$17.94); as additional cost deposit herein: (c) the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for attorney fees, One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) as compensation for his services herein as such administrator; which said sum is, by the court, determined to be the reasonable compensation for said administrator.

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The Court further finds that under the terms of the last will and testament of said

deceased, all of the personal property was bequeathed to Pauline Alice Root, now Gibson, and that all real estate belonging to said deceased was devised to the following named persons: (a) one-half interest therein to R. F. Hammond, Clyde N. Hammond, Nellie E. Bleecker and Josie W. Crawford, the father, brother and sisters, respectfully, of said deceased, said will providing that in the event said R. F. Hammond should predecease her, the said Stella Root, then his share should go, in equal portions, to the above named brother and sisters of such deceased; (b) one-half interest in and to said property being devised to the brothers and sister of William P. Root, deceased, or to the children of such of the brothers and sisters of the said William P. Root as may be deceased.

The court finds that the said R. F. Hammond died on April 8, 1928, during the lifetime of said deceased, and that an undivided on-half interest in the aforementioned and described real estate, and in and to all other ral estate belonging to said deceased, if any, should be distributed in equal shares, to the said Clyde N. Hammond, Nellie E. Bleecker and Josie W. Crawford.

The court further finds that the said William P. Root had two brothers and two sisters, namely: (a) George Root; (b) Edward Root; (c) Margaret Johnson; and (d) Mary Bunyan; George Root is now living; Edward Root died on June 14, 1914, and left the following named children, all of whom survived the said Stella Root, deceased: Gertrude Cooksey, Walter Edwin Root, Maud Nelson, Nellie Stavrous, Edith Hughes, Harold root, Pauline Alice Root, How Gibson, Georgia Glossip and Estella Root; Margaret Johnson died on May 30, 1942, leaving surviving a son Dewey Johnson, who survived the siad Stella Root; Mary Bunyan died on November 14, 1940, and left surviving the following named children, all of whom survived the said Stella Root: Nellie B. Hardwick, Ralph E. Bunyan, Pearl Kolb, Marjorie Sachwatcher, Myrtle Hills and Dorothy Bunyan, and that the interest so devised to the brothers and sisters of said William P. Root, deceased, or to the children of such brothers and sisters as may be deceased, should be distributed per stirpes and not per capita.

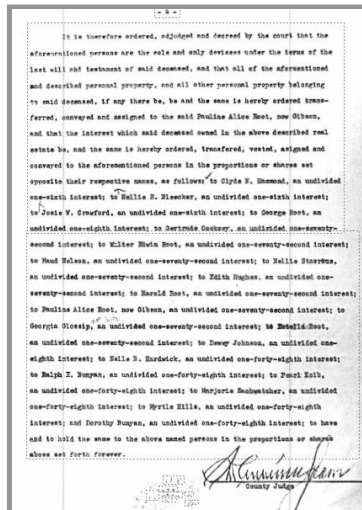
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It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the aforementioned persons are the sole and only devisees under the terms of the last will and testament of said deceased, and that all of the aforementioned and described personal property, and all other personal property belonging to the said deceased, if any there be, be and the same is hereby ordered transferred, conveyed and assigned to the said Pauline Alice Root, now Gibson, and that the interest which said deceased owned in the above described real estate be, and the same is hereby ordered, transfered, vested, assigned and conveyed to the aforementioned persons in the proportions or shares set opposite their respective names, as follows: to Clyde N. Hammond, an undivided one-sixth interest; to Nellie E. Bleecker, an undivided one-sixth interest; to Josie W. Crawford, an undivided one-sixth interest; to George Root, an undivided one-eighth interest; to Gertrude Cooksey, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Walter Edwin Root, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Maud Nelson, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Nellie Starous, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Edith Hughes, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Harold Root, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Pauline Alice Root, now Gibson, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Georgia Glossip, an undivided one-seventy-second inteerest; to Estella Root, an undivided one-seventy-second interest; to Dewey Johnson, an undivided one-eighth interest; to Nelle B. Hardwick, an undivided one-forty-eighth interst; to Ralph E. Bunyan, an undivided one-forty-eighth interest; to Pearl Kolb, an undivided one-forty-eighth interest; to Marjorie Sachwatcher, an undivided one-forty-eight interst; to Myrtle

Hills, an undivided one-forty-eighth inters; and Dorothy Bunyan, an undivided one forty-eighth interest; to have and to hold the same to the above named persons in the proportions or shares above set forth forever  
[S?] Cunningham  
County Judge

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# Friday Finds

Friday, May 20, 2022

## Horatio Hammond Death Certificate

Physicians Certificate of Death  
State of Illinois, Knox County  
State Board of Health

Name Horatio Hammond

Age 81 years 0 months 14 days. Occupation Farmer

Date of death Nov 7th hour 8 am \* Widower

Nationality and place where born Born in Connecticut

How long resident in this state Thirty-One (31) yrs

Place of death Ont Twensp

Cause of death Chronic Nephritis

Duration of disease

Place and date of burial Ontario Ont Tp Nov 8 187[0]

Name and place of undertaker Wm Sumner Oneida Knox Co. Ills  
Dated at Woodhull Dec 8th 1879 W. H. Lowry M.D.  
Residence Woodhull

State of Illinois  
County of Knox

Filed: December 11, 1879

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Death Record of the Person named above and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes relating to the registration of deaths, births and stillbirths.

Dated: January 20 1983 [Yvonne Tahl]  
Knox County Clerk  
Galesburg, IL 61401

(SEAL)

"Illinois Death Certificate" (Physician's Certificate of Death, ), "Horatio Hammond".  
Hereinafter cited as "Illinois Death Certificate".

Search 750 and 172

**Physician's Certificate of Death** (Form No. 10-17-1905, Revised 1917)

**State of Illinois**, **County of Knox**, **STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

1. Name Herbert H. Thompson Sex Male Color White

2. Age 11 years 8 months 14 days Occupation Student

3. Date of death Nov 25 hour 1 P.M. Single, Married, Widower, Widowed

4. Nationality and place where born American Chicago, Ill.

5. How long resident in this State Since born OU years

6. Place of death Chicago

7. Cause of death Cerebral Hemorrhage Complications \_\_\_\_\_

8. Duration of disease \_\_\_\_\_

9. Place and date of burial Graceland, Ill. Nov 25, 1917

10. Name and place of Undertaker Graceland Graceland, Ill.

Dated at Chicago, Ill. 1st 1917 Residence Graceland M. D. W. C. Smith

Please print or stamp as far as possible.

Physician, Medical and Social Worker, to issue this form, comply as printed.

When printed and completed, return of this form to the State Board of Health, printed on order of this form, and for printing in General's Reports.

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF KNOX } SS.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Death Record of the person named above and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes relating to the registration of Deaths, Births and stillbirths.

Dated: January 20, 1983 W. C. Smith  
(SEAL) W. C. Smith  
Knox County Clerk  
Galesburg, Ill. 61401

# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, May 21, 2022

## 1940 Draft

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The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)  
25 Nov 1940  
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Draft Order  
(Official List Continued)

201 Herman Menold  
202 Glenn Thomas Holsapple  
203 Paul Edward Hill  
204 Loren F. Lancaster  
205 Leonard Ralph Wade  
206 Ignatius Joseph Rettele  
207 Edwin Adam Henninger  
208 Carl Reinhard Brunkow  
209 Howard LeRoy Harter  
210 Raphael P. Broxterman  
211 Bryon Donald Nightingale  
212 William Clark Hord  
213 Lloyd Walter Robbins  
214 Cyril Wilhelm  
215 Charles Richard Haug  
216 Raphael Lee Dalsing  
217 Sylvester Peter Lierz  
218 John Thomas Keating  
219 Raymond Roscoe Benedict  
220 Herbert Raymond Atkeson  
221 Frank Joseph Steinlage  
222 William John Buessing  
223 Harold O. Woolsoncroft  
224 Maurice Costello Taylor  
225 Vincent Bernard Dalsing  
226 Reginald Daring Ayers  
227 Lloyd Ronald Allison  
228 Donald Lewis Moler  
229 Walter Arthur Surdez  
230 William Arthur Metzger  
231 Harry Harlan Mosier  
232 Hugh Harold Mize  
233 Urie Berton Smirl  
234 William Baster Stanton  
235 Alfred Joesph Koch  
236 Wilbur Paul Roever  
237 Lawrence Francis Krogman

238 George Walter Stuke  
239 Joseph Locher  
240 Howard I. Gallagher  
241 Gilbert Edward Koch  
242 Bernard Anthony Huerter  
243 Delmer Arnold Fletchall  
244 Callistus Clement Bergman  
245 Lawrence John Haug  
246 Oscar Clair Strahm  
247 Frank J. Broxterman  
248 Joseph Andrew Heinen  
249 Roy Alvin DeGroff  
250 Carl Herman Boltz

*to be continued*

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, May 22, 2022



It's Saturday Night –

Time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

**1) How many entries are there on Find A Grave for your exact current surname, and the birth surnames of your grandparents? What about your spouse's grandparents birth surnames?**

Since I was curious about how this data might be used to track migration, I not only searched for the total number but also for the states along the probable migration path back to what is believed to be the country of origin. Since the spelling of the name can and likely did change over time, this data does not prove anything. It was just fun exploring the possibilities.

My Side

## Crawford

- Total: 147,657
- United States: 120,794
- Kansas: 2,356
- Indiana: 3,909
- Ohio: 8,879
- Kentucky: 4,050
- Virginia: 3,225
- Scotland: 2,644
- Ireland: 485
- Northern Ireland: 1,701

## **Currey**

- Total: 3,830
- United States: 2,969
- Kansas: 79
- Illinois: 107
- Indiana: 77
- Ohio: 132
- Pennsylvania: 159
- Virginia: 14
- Scotland: 2
- England: 229

## **Briles**

- Total: 1,212
- United States: 1,173
- Kansas: 123
- North Carolina: 248
- Virginia: 13
- Germany: 0 (spelling of name changed in Virginia)

## **Mentzer**

- Total: 3,759
- United States: 3,675
- Kansas: 85
- Illinois: 137
- Massachusetts: 51
- Germany: 0
- Wales: 0
- England: 0

## **Husband's Side**

## **Philbrick**

- Total: 4,199
- United States: 3,953
- Kansas: 87
- Iowa: 33
- Ohio: 86
- Pennsylvania: 15
- Massachusetts: 330
- England: 46

## **Sebring**

- Total: 2,753
- United States: 2,655
- Pennsylvania: 424
- New York: 344
- New Jersey: 180

## **Strohmeier**

- Total: 594

- United States: 435
- Kansas: 17
- Germany: 72

**Griffith**

- Total: 114,238
- United States: 76,826
- Kansas: 1,745
- Ohio: 6,355
- Virginia: 2,152
- Wales: 5,904

Thanks Randy for this challenge to look at our data on Find a Grave!



# Jason Hammond Will

Monday, May 23, 2022

Recently, Randy Seaver wrote about 'de-cluttering' in his 'Rabbit Holes with Randy,' post. That post caused me to again think about my files and the fact that my nieces and nephew don't have the space nor desire to 'inherit' my mass of genealogy papers.

Thus, as I'm working to update my records for my 3rd great grandfathers, I'm also going back thru the paper copies of records that I've yet to digitize. One of the documents in my Hammond file is the will of my 4th great-grandfather, Jason Hammond.

Since my paper copy was difficult to read, I was able to download the images from FamilySearch to create a transcription.

Medina County, Ohio  
Probate record Old Wills  
Vol. 1818-1835  
Film 423849 DGS 5866035

page 325  
Nov Term 1831

## Jason Hammond's Will

Be it remembered that heretofore that is to say at a term of the Court of Common Pleas begun and held at the Court house in the town of Medina within and for the County of Medina on Monday the eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one by and before the Hon. Frederick Brown senior [associate] Judge and the Hon. John Freese and Reuben Smith associate judges of said county holding said court, then and there came Theodore Hammond, Lewis Hammond and Horatio Hammond, executors named in the last will & testament of Jason Hammond, late of Bath in said county deceased, by [Van] R. Humphrey their attorney and presented to said Court the last will and testament of Sd Jason Hammond, which is in these records and figures following, that is to say

In the name of God, Amen, I Jason Hammond of Bath in Medina County and State of Ohio do now make this my last will and testament in the following manner (vis)

Item 1st I order all my just debts to be paid by my executors hereinafter named with the legacies that is mentioned in the items.

Item 2d I give and bequeath to my wife Rachel Hammond the use and improvements one third part of lots NO. 29 & 30 during her natural life and I also give to her one good yoke of oxen one good riding horse one good cow & ten sheep and all my household furniture except good feather beds which is to be divided between Theodore Hammond Lewis Hammond & Horatio Hammond after my decease.

Item 3d I give and bequeath to my son Theodore Hammond

Lots No. 24 25 that I had of Thomas Bull which I have given him a deed of gift of lot No. 25 & part of lot No 14 bounded as follows south on Highway running East & west to the center road west on Allen B. Smith north on Sarah Hale Est on Richfield Road about 23 acres more or less

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Lewis Hammond Lots no. 29 & 30 and part of lot No 14 about 8 or 10 acres more or less bounded South & West on Richfield Road. North on Sarah Hale East on Theodore Hale — I give and bequeath one third part of the sawmill for twenty years after my decease and then to be Theodore Hammonds with his mother Rachel Hammond one third part of the House & Barn

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son Horatio Hammond Lots No. 27, 28 with part of Lot No. 14 about one acre and half

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Jason Hammond Will

East on Theodore Hale West on Highway – I give and bequeath one third part of the saw mill for twenty years after my decease and then to be to be Theodore Hammonds

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel Farnum four hundred dollars with what she has had that is on book charged a gainst her – one half of the beds & bedding – that is remaining not dispose of in Item No 2. are to be divided between Rachel & Mary equally between them – and not to be appraised and no Inventory to be taken of them

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cooley four hundred dollars with what she has had that is on the book charged against her, one half of the beds & bedding that is remaining not disposed of in Item No 2 Rachel & Mary is to be equally between them & not to be apprised and not inventory to be taken of them Mary to have the weavers loom and all the apparatus belonging to it & a right to the north east bed room & the chamber above in the [?] part of the house with a privilege to the oven well & sellar so long as she remains in the situation she now is

Item 8th I give my chattles horses sheep & hogs with all my farming tools my carpenters tools such as two saws cross cut & steel plate hand say augers chisels two broad axes to my sons Theodore Theodore Lewis & Horatio Hammonds equally divided between them amongst themselves all the remaining part of my estate real and personal to be divided equally between them & my sons Theodore Lewis & Horatio Hammond they are to pay Rachel & Mary their legacy Each one to pay equally alike as the same stated in the 6th Item & 7th Item in [?] chattles horses sheep pork wheat flower & one fourth part in cash within three years after my decease

Item 9th I do hereby appoint my sons Theodore Hammond Lewis Hammond & Horatio Hammond to be the executors of this my last will & testament in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal this first day of March 182[6]

Jason Hammond (SS)

Sealed & declared by the Testator

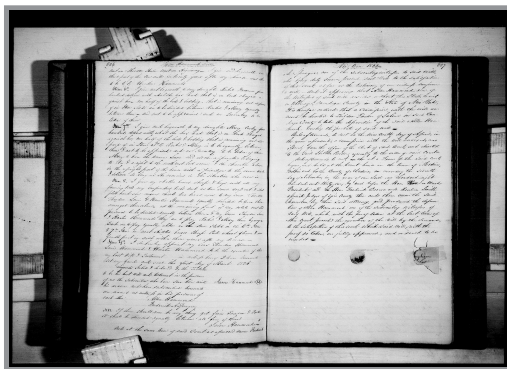
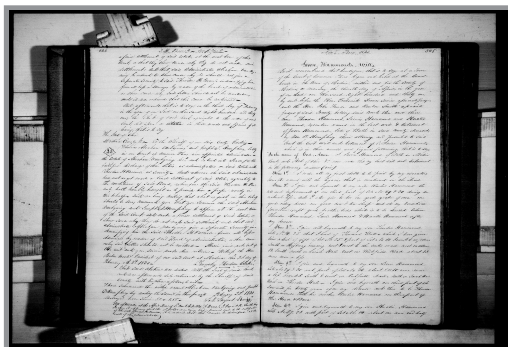
to be his last will and testament in the presence

of us the subscribed who have seen him write  
his name and have subscribed hereunto  
our names as witness in his presence of  
each other  
Allen Hammond  
Frederick A Sprague  
N. B. If these should ever be any thing got from lands on & [Foster]  
it shall be divided equally between all five of them  
And at the same time of said Court as aforesaid came

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A Sprague one of the subscribing witnesses to said will  
who being duly sworn proved said will to the satisfaction  
fo this court, as far as the testimony of one witness can prove  
a will and it appearing that Allen Hammond, one of  
the witnesses of said will resided without this state to wit  
in Elbridge, Onandago County in the State of New York  
It's therefore ordered that a commission with the will an  
nexed be directed to Sheldon Pardee of Salina in said Onan  
dago County to take the deposition of the said Allen Ham  
mond, [?] the probate of said will  
And afterwards to wit on the nineteenth day of April, in  
the year aforesaid a commission with the will annexed was  
issued from the office of the clerk of said Court, and directed  
to the said Shelden [Pardee] agreeably to the order of said court  
and afterwards, to wit at a Term of the said court  
begun and held at the Court house in the town of Medina  
within and for the County of Medina, on Monday the seventh  
day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty one, bu and before th Hon Reuben Woods  
President and th Hon Frederick Brown and Reuben Smith  
Associate Judges of said county then and there came the said  
executors by their said attorney and produced the deposi  
tion of Allen Hammond one of the subscribing witnesses of  
said will, which with the proof take at the last term of  
this court proved the executors of the will by the deceased  
to the satisfaction of tis court, which said will with the  
proof so taken are fully approved and ordered to be  
recorded

Ohio, Medina County. Old Wills 1818-1835. Film #423849 DGS 5866035. Jason  
Hammond, 11 April 1831 : page 325 (image 184); digital images, FamilySearch  
<http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 5 May 2022.



# Hammond Civil War Service

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Have you ever researched a military unit's history to write about an ancestor's military service? I have to admit, that I haven't done much of that research.

While going thru my HAMMOND files, I re-discovered a document that provides lots of details about the military service of my second great-grandfather, Richmond F. Hammond. This magic document is a certificate from the Soldiers and Sailors Historical and Benevolent Society.

Certificate of Records

To all whom it may concern

Requested to every American  
is a priceless legacy

Preserved to us by the valor  
of the Boys in Blue

This Certifies that Richmond F. Hammond

Enlisted from Knox County, Illinois, on the 25th day of May, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Galesburg, Ill., on the same day, as a Private of Captain Roderick R. Harding's Company "E" 17TH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, Colonel Leonard Fulton Ross commanding.

Shortly afterward he was taken sick at Bird's Point, Mo., and was confined in hospital at Iron Mountain, Mo., until August 21, 1861, when he received an HONORABLE DISCHARGE by reason of a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability.

He re-enlisted at Galesburg, Ill, March 1, 1862 to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service as a Private of COMPANY "G", 1ST REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, Colonel Thomas A. Marshall commanding. This regiment had been captured at Lexington, Mo., on September 18, 1861, and was awaiting exchange, but on July 14, 1862, it was mustered out at St. Louis Mo.

He re-enlisted at Galesburg, Ill., September 29, 1862, to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the U.S. service at Peoria, Ill., as a Private of Captain E. L. Foote's COMPANY "D", 14TH REGIMENT ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, Colonel Horace Capron commanding.

The Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry was recruited and organized in the fall and winter of 1862, with headquarters at Peoria. January 7, 1863, the 1st and 2nd Battalions were mus-

tered, and February 6, the Third Battalion. On March 8, it started for the front, and arrived at Glasgow, Ky., April 17, where it was assigned to the 2nd Brigade, Stoneman's Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Ohio. Two hours later the Brigade started to attack the rebels at Celina on the Cumberland River, marching day and night. Pursued and attacked Colonel Hamilton's rebel force near Turkey Neck Bend, driving the enemy into the mountains of Tennessee, capturing a number of prisoners, several pieces of artillery, 800 stand of arms, a wagon train of supplies and the Commander's papers. It pursued the Rebel raider, John Morgan, from July 4, until he was captured, the expedition covering 2,100 miles. The regiment participated in the following engagements, viz: Buffington Island, Ohio; Cumberland Gap; Bristol, siege of Knoxville, Bean's Stations, Dandridge, and Franklin, Tenn. January 30, 1864, the 14th alone was designated to fight the "Thomas Legion" of whites and Indians in North Carolina. February 2, it surprised the "Legion" in the mountains, killing and capturing the greater part, for which the regiment was highly complimented in a despatch from General Grant. June 13, it started to join General Stoneman's command organized for the Atlanta Campaign. July 27, it left Lost Mountain on the famous Macon Raid, reaching the City on the 30th. At Sunshine Church, after a hot battle with the enemy, General Stoneman decided to surrender his command, Colonel Capron, with the 14th regiment, first receiving permission to cut his way out, which he did with success, taking his command with him. August 3, at one o'clock A.M., Colonel Capron, supposing he was beyond the reach of the enemy, ordered a halt, and about daylight the men were attacked. Being without sleep for seven days and nights, they could not be aroused. In this condition, many were killed or captured. After this raid, the scattered fragments joined the line of battle in front of Atlanta. September 15, the regiment returned to Kentucky, where it was remounted and re-equippped. November 8, moved to Waynesboro, Ga., where it disputed Hood's advance, and took part in the engagements which followed on the 23rd and 24th. It afterwards took part in engagements at Duck River and Nashville, and was later stationed at Pulaski, Tenn., performing guard and camp duty, until July 31, 1865, when it was mustered out, having marched over 10,000 miles during its service. The said Richmond R. Hammond was promoted to Sergeant of

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In testimony whereof I hereunto set  
my hand and cause to be affixed the  
seal of the Society  
[D]one at Washington DC this 13th day  
of Sept. A.D. 1907

[M Wallingsford]  
[Historian]  
No. 62730

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-: Record No. 62730. concluded :-

Company D, 14th Illinois Cavalry.

He was captured during Stoneman's raid in Georgia, Aug. 3, 1864, and taken to Andersonville prison, thence to Charleston, S.C., thence to Florence, S.C., thence to Wilmington, N.C., thence to Raleigh, N.C., and from there to Goldsboro, N.C., where he was paroled and sent to Wilmington, at close of the war.

He was constantly with his command during its service as above outlined, until captured, and rendered faithful and meritorious service to his Country.

He received a final HONORABLE DISCHARGE at Springfield, Ill. on the 16th day of June, 1865, to date May 30, 1865, by reason of General Order from War Department.

He is the son of Horatio and Louisa (Fisk) Hammond, and was born in Licking County, Ohio, on the 20th day of November, 1840. He was united in marriage to Sarah E. Ralston, in Knox County, Ill., January 1, 1867, from which union were born six children, four of whom are living, viz: - Stella M., Nellie E., Jessie M., and Clyde N.

His wife died on the 28th day of March, 1892.

His second marriage was to Mary E Myers, at Dodge City, Kan. on the 7th day of November, 1897, from which union was born one child, viz: Hattie L. This wife died March 14, 1901  
He was married to Mary E. Grim at Larned, Kan., on the 28th of October, 1906.

He is a member of Lewis Post, No. 294, Department of Kansas Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is at present (1907) Officer of the Day, and has held all other offices including Commander.

He has held civil office as Justice of the Peace.

His brothers, Jehial P. and George M., served in the 71st Illinois and 5th Iowa, respectively. His father served in the war of 1812. His grandfather, Jason Hammond, served in the Revolutionary War.

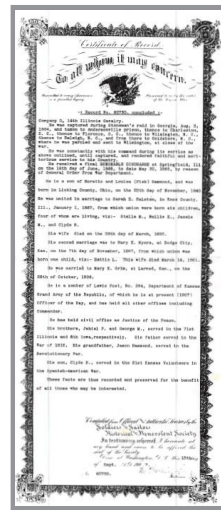


His son, Clyde N., served in the 21st Kansas Volunteers in the Spanish-American War.

These facts are thus recorded and preserved for the benefit of all those who may be interested.

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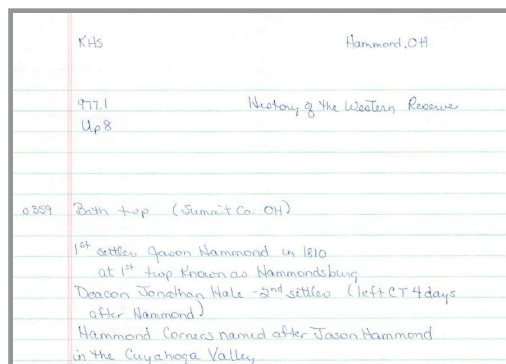
# Books on Family Search

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

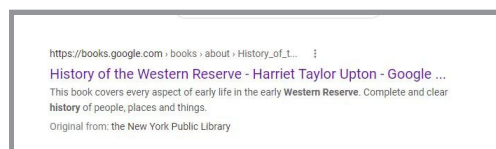
Recently, I saw a rant on Facebook about those who complain about the global tree on FamilySearch while ignoring all of the other resources available on the FamilySearch site. And I agree with the poster of the FB rant that there are lots of resources available on the FamilySearch site.

Since I'm currently going thru my tree and my older research notes, I'm coming across quite a few notes taken from a source that is often forgotten in today's Internet age: BOOKS. One of the resources mentioned in the 'rant' was the collection of books available thru the FamilySearch site. Thus, I can use this book collection to verify the information found in these old notes.

One such set of old notes that I recently uncovered contains information about my ancestor, Jason Hammond, but leaves a lot to be desired when it comes to creating a source citation.

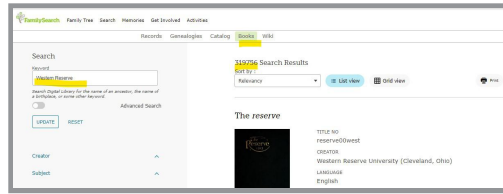


Since I wanted more information for this source, I searched Google for "history of western reserve". While the top result was not a book reference, I came across a possibility.

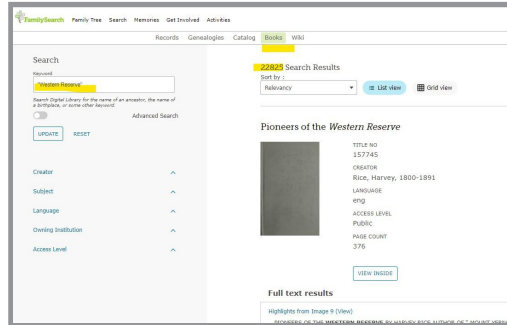


This particular book was full text on Google Books. Thus, I was able to locate page 359 and verify that it was the desired book.

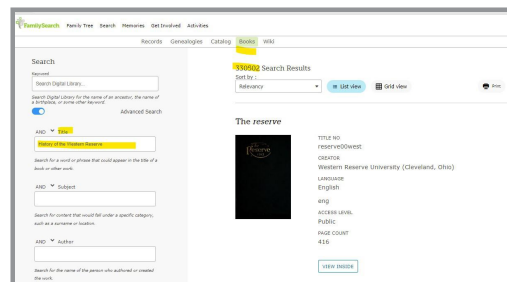
Curious about what a search of books on the FamilySearch site would reveal, I searched for the term: Western Reserve and had 319,756 results!



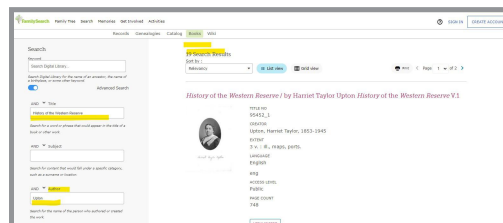
When I put quote marks around the phrase, the number of results was reduced significantly, but still over 20,000.



Using the advanced search, I searched for the title: History of the Western Reserve. Again, I got a ton of results.



Since my Google search had identified an author, I edited my advanced search to add Upton as the author. That search limited my results to 19, with the first item being the book in question.



Using a digital copy of the book allows me to 'search' the entire contents of the book which has the potential to locate additional references. It also allowed me to not only transcribe the section of interest but also to scroll backwards to verify that page 359 was in the section of the book about Summit County.

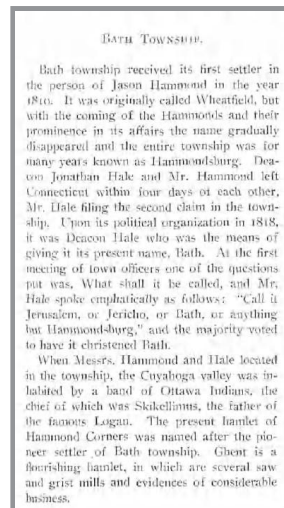
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Bath Township

Bath township received its first settler in the person of Jason Hammond in the year of 1810. It was originally called Wheatfield, but with the coming of the Hammonds and their prominence in its affairs the name gradually disappeared and the entire township was for many years known as Hammondsburg. Deacon Jonathan Hale and Mr. Hammond left Connecticut within four days of each other, Mr. Hale filing the second claim in the township. Upon its political organization in 1818, it was Deacon Hale who was the means of giving its present name, Bath. At the first meeting of town officers one of the questions put was, What shall it be called, and Mr. Hale spoke emphatically as follows: "Call it Jerusalem, or Jericho, or Bath or anything but Hammondsburg," and the majority voted to have it christened Bath.

When Messrs. Hammond and Hale located in the township, the Cuyahoga valley was inhabited by a band of Ottawa Indians, the chief of which was Skikellimus, the father of the famous Logan. The present hamlet of Hammond Corners was named after the pioneer settler of Bath Township. Ghent is a flourishing hamlet, in which are several saw and grist mills and evidences of considerable business.



Now, to go back and check out some of those 20,000 books on the Western Reserve!

# Women in Our Trees

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Do you ever feel like our family history research is centered on the men in the tree? Have you been able to add details to a 2nd or 3rd great grandmother's life beyond her vitals, census records and birth of her children? I know I struggle with that.

That's why resources that provide a glimpse into the lives of our female ancestors are precious. One such source was written by women about women to celebrate Cleveland's centennial. That source is a four part work titled, Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve and is available on FamilySearch.

Since my Hammond ancestors migrated from Connecticut to the Western Reserve in Ohio, I am fortunate to find information on my Hammond, Hale and Fisk ancestors in part three of this wonderful work.

Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve

The Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission

Part 4

December 1897

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Pioneer Women of bath

Summit county

1810-1840

Bath was organized in 1818 and called Wheatland, afterwards Hammondsburg, a name it retained as late as 1847, although changed for many years previous.

Owen Brown of Hudson. father of the celebrated John Brown of Ottawasomia; was a commissioner in 1818, and had absolute authority to name the town.

"Hammondsburg" was considered rather lengthy, and for postal convenience, some of the old settlers thought one with less letters in it would be preferable, so Brown named it Bath.

If any people in this country were marked out as founders of a new community, it was the little colony of less than twenty souls from Connecticut that settled on the west bank of the Cuyahoga in Bath in the fall of 1810.

It was like the ancient Greek colonies, "a miniature company complete in itself." Not only did they bring with

them to their new homes their industrious and frugal habits, their wooden clocks and spinning wheels, but their Thanksgiving and other Connecticut holidays, and their unyielding faith in their religious creed, and planting them all in this new community as coincidents in the fresh soil they were to inhabit. The site which they were to occupy was in the region of surpassing loveliness. From the surrounding hills could

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be seen the picturesque Cuyahoga in its winding course, its banks studded with majestic forests, not yet despoiled by the woodman's axe, and all the land around lovely with the peculiar beauty of hill, stream and valley.

Jason Hammond and his wife, Rachel Hale of Bolton, Ct., were the principal personages of this colony. Early in the spring of 1810 they purchased by exchange of Thos. Bull, 1200 acres in the northeast part of the township (then called Wheatland), and in the fall came on with their family and formally began the settlement. Some weeks previous to their removal their eldest son, Theodore, was sent on in advance to select the land they were to occupy and prepare a temporary shelter for the family when they should arrive. But it was hard for Rachel Hammond to sever family and social ties and remove so far west into a wilderness without company, so Jonathan Hale, her brother, and Mrs. Elijah Hale, her sister, both at the head of families, were persuaded to join the colony. Besides, the greater the number to go, the greater security.

This arrangement was carried out and Jonathan Hale sent on in company with Theodore Hammond to select his land and prepare shelter for his family. He had precisely the same contract with Bull as did Hammond, only his choice of land was second. According to his first letter to his family, still in Connecticut, after his arrival on the ground, he had in view only 150 acres, but after seeing the land he must have decided to

take more, as his deed from Bull, dated September 8, 1810, nearly two months after his arrival in Bath, describes fully 500 acres. By reason of the "first choice" Theo. Hammond (who was twenty-one years of age) and his father's family became the first bona fide settlers in Bath township. The train for the removal of this colony consisted of ox teams and one span of horses, and started from Bolton at the close of August, and proceeded to East Hartford. a short distance west where the Hale families joined it. The Hales were Glastenbury people. Elijah, the father of the Rev. Edward Payson Hammond, the evangelist, was master of the train as far west as Cleveland.

Rachel, since her marriage to Jason Hammond, had seen little of the hardships of life, but no woman in all the west brought to bear to the new situation a braver heart or more practical mind. From the first she was a pioneer. The train was stocked with everything for the journey and for the subsistence of the families, some time after reaching their destination. Rachel, the eldest daughter of Rachel Hammond, drove the span of horses from Bolton to Bath. Not a hitch occurred on the whole journey, although they had a "rocky" time of it, and were over forty days on the road.

Rachel Hammond, wife of Jason, was a Hale, born in Glastenbury, Ct. 1758; came to Bath in fall of 1810, died November, 1842, aged eighty-four, and buried at Bath in ground set apart for a public cemetery by her husband. She was a model housekeeper. Her pewter mugs and platters were the brightest, but the old wooden trenchers so long in use had been supplanted by "blue-eyed" crockery. Three utensils brought from Connecticut were indispensable: the cast iron bake oven, an iron pot and the black earthen teapot; the last the chief of the kitchen outfit. Rachel claimed that in this

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she could make a better article of tea than in any of the later vessels for that



purpose, and as long as she had charge of the cooking she would use nothing else. Tea was the old folk's beverage, and when "store tea" gave out, as it often did, sage, pennyroyal or any other nutritious herb of the fields was substituted. Rachel never cooked a meal by any other than the open fire-place. There is a tradition in the family that she could conjure up an excellent meal with only a piece of salt pork for foundation. The nearest grist mill was located at Newbury, forty miles distant, but a domestic mill for milling corn was set up at home which answered the purpose very well. It was made of hollowing out the top of a 'hardwood stump for a mortar, rigging a heavy pestle on a spring pole over the mortar, and with it pounding the corn fine enough to cook. Rachel's linen for the table and bed was the result mainly of her labor before marriage. After her marriage she did very little weaving, although a great deal of that kind of work was done in the

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family. Her first home in Bath was a double log cabin of four rooms and two huge fire-places, with a drawing capacity that literally annihilated the surrounding forests.

It was a query in the settlement what she could want with so much house-room, unless she intended to start a tavern! She lived in this log cabin eight years, when she moved into the new frame house erected in 1818, but not finished until 1836, six years after her husband's death. Shortly after this she abdicated her place as housekeeper to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor Sears Jones, wife of Lewis Hammond, "who succeeded to that important position. Rachel Hammond was noted for making excellent loaf cake, but her strength as a woman extended far beyond her household affairs. When neighbors were down with chills and fever then were her womanly qualities most conspicuous; her very touch seemed to soothe the burning heat and accelerated pulse. If

"AUNT RACHEL"

were only present, the sick took courage. She understood quite well how to treat many of the common diseases. Physicians were scarce, and those who were in the country were intensely allopathic. Her religion was practical and earnest. She and her husband were the first to take steps for the organization of the church at Bath center. Both would have died for the creed of John Calvin. Her evenings were the delight of her family. The huge fire-places in winter sent out a warmth and glow that cheered every heart and drove out all the gloom which "crowded around the walls." When there were no baskets to make, staves to split, harness to mend, apples to pare, there was corn to shell, tow to spin, ropes to braid or walnuts to crack. Her highest ambition was to do well her duty, and "to get wisdom, to get understanding and forget it not." She was the mother of six children, five of whom came west with her, two daughters and three sons; Rachel, her eldest daughter, born 1791, married Lemman Farnham (brother of Everett) and lived and died in Richfield township. She survived her five children, then, January, 1868, at the age of seventy-seven was herself called to rest. A more loving Christian woman has rarely lived; kind, true and charitable to all, to her friends and relatives dear beyond measure. She taught one of the first schools in Bath. Her hand all through life was ever ready in all benevolent, religious and educational work. She had annually great quantities of choice fruit and honey, free gifts to the worthy poor or friends who asked for them. In 1855 when Gen. L. V. Beirce published his "Reminiscences of Summit County," she addressed him a spirited letter criticising severely his account of the settlement of Bath township. Rachel Farnham was a good singer and often led in the choir at Bath before her marriage. She and all her daughters were members of the Presbyterian church in Richfield. Her children were Darwin and Eleanor; three died young.

She was a faithful, frugal and industrious wife. Mary Hammond, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Hammond, born at Bolton, Ct. 1796, married Dr. Horatio Cooley, second James Chapman and lived and died at Chatham, Medina County, where she is buried. She returned to her father's home with her two children after death of Dr. Cooley, where she remained until her second marriage. She was the "worker" of the family where all were workers. The weaving fell pretty much to her, and some of the fabrics she turned out of her loom would do credit to our modern mills. She was very active and bright in her work. hardly knowing fatigue or sorrow in her young days. She was a splendid example of what the union of great physical and mental vigor can do. Like her sister Rachel, she was an active and zealous worker in church and Sabbath school. She had two children by Cooley and five or six by Chapman. Her eldest son, Samuel Cooley, is still living and a resident of Knox County, Ill. Her grandson, Col. Orrin Cooley, who died In 1893, gained distinguished honors in that county. Her eldest daughter, Aurilla, married Benj. Stanton of New York and removed to St. Johns Mich., fully forty years ago, where she died and was buried.

When Mary M. Chapman's "intended" brought with him his cousin, a Methodist minister, to "tie the knot," (they came. the night before the wedding) her parents. stout Presbyterians, were so exasperated at this that it was with

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great difficulty they would admit the good brother into the house. He remained over night and the following day officiated at the wedding, but during that time he received no attention from the "old folks."

We can hardly appreciate the prejudice against Methodists in that day.

That very house, after the death of Mary's father, became known all over the Western Reserve as the "house of

Methodist ministers,” and her brother Lewis was the founder of the church at Niles, and class leader of it for nearly twenty years!

Rebecca Farnam, daughter of John and Mary Farnam, born at Canaan, Ct. in 1791, came with her parents to Hudson, O. early in 1800, thence to Richfield, Summit County, where she married at the age of twenty-four, Theodore Hammond early in 1815, and settled in Bath, where she died. She had five children, viz: Maria, died at age of sixty eight; Jason, accidentally killed at age of eleven; Augustus, still living; Sarah, married Nathan Jones about 1840, and died 1848; James, living in Knox County, Ill., a rich farmer. He was four months old when his mother died.

Rebecca’s father was in the Revolutionary war, and for some time acting as aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington. Her mother was a woman of great mental force; lived to be ninety-five. Rebecca inherited from her a love for all good culture, and her home was a constant school house. Like her mother, she was fond of reading. One who knew her intimately says: “She was charitable, gentle, kind, patient, loving and devoted to her family and friends.” She was very zealous and active in educational work. The site for the select school at Hammond’s Corners was donated by her husband. She gave great promise of much greater usefulness in life, when at the age of thirty-three, she was called home by her Master in heaven. Her brother, Everett, if we except Col. Perkins of Akron, was the largest landholder in Summit County.

Mary Fisk, born in 1800 at Watertown, N. Y., married Theo. Hammond as his second wife, in 1825. She was sister to Mrs. Horatio Hammond. When the first settled minister was called at Bath, he and his wife lived for a time at Mrs. Hammond’s. Being “the minister” he was a privileged character and at liberty to go where he pleased. For some time after he came to live in the family the cream, as it came to the surface on the

milk, mysteriously disappeared. This troubled Mrs. Hammond; a watch was stationed and the reverend brother was caught

#### SKIMMING THE CREAM

for his luncheon. She was the mother of twelve children, some of them dying in infancy and early age. Those that lived to have names were: Mary, Theodore, Eloise, Rebecca, Oliver, William, Olive, Trypheas, Lucy, Milan and Emily; 'but all are dead save Theodore and the last two.

Emily, the youngest, is fifty—one, married and living in Arkansas; Theodore is a rich farmer in Knox County, Ill.

Rebecca, the third daughter, was a graduate of Miss Strong's at Hudson. O., and later was herself a popular and successful teacher at Galesburg. Her death was very much deplored and the newspapers of that place gave a very extended account of her character and school—work at the time of her decease.

Eleanor Sears Jones, wife of Lewis Hammond, was born 1800 at Dighton, Mass. married 1823, at the home of Gen. O. M. Oviatt of Richfield. She with her parents removed from Massachusetts to Bristol, Ontario County, N. Y. in 1802. Her grandfather, Capt. Alden Sears, was one of the founders of that town. Her father dealt largely in unimproved lands in middle and western N. Y., and failed. There were ten children, eight coming to Ohio; Eleanor, with her brother, Jason, first settled at Richfield, where she taught school for a couple of years. Her home was a famous place for Methodists. During "quarterly meeting" time as many as six ministers with their wives would be present at a time. She never sat down to eat without company, and an extra cover laid in anticipation of a call. In her home were three large brick bake ovens, the largest with a capacity for twenty—six two pound loaves. Two batches of bread were turned out weekly from this oven. One of the other ovens was used to bake pies. Hers was a pie family. From the first, almost, she

took charge of the household, not withstanding "grandmother" Hammond

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lived in the family nearly twenty years thereafter. She was permitted to take her ease and quietly live in a room specially provided for her. Eleanor was a capital manager. More than twenty cows were milked each day and an abundance of good cheese and butter made on the premises in the grass season, rarely any of which was sold, but consumed in the family. She was an accomplished equestrian, and thought nothing of riding to Richfield or Bath Center, six and eight miles, to attend meeting. She had a set of chinaware brought by her grandfather Sears from China, which she set out on rare occasions. Once her brass candle-sticks turned up missing, but found some days later in a large jar of boiled cider, where her youngest "hopeful" had carefully deposited them for safe keeping. In winters she had a graceful custom of inviting five young ladies, one from a family, her nieces, to make her a visit and remain four to six weeks. The young ladies had a sitting room to themselves, received their own company, and were in the family only at meal and prayer times. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hammond were fair singers and led the singing in the family and church at Niles. She was exceedingly charitable; many times has she packed up food and other articles and sent them six or eight miles to

SOME NEEDY FAMILY,  
and everything not consumed in the family was given away to the worthy poor.

Not a lock was used on dwelling or store rooms. Her circle of acquaintances was very large. Her funeral was one of the largest ever held in the township, the Methodist minister from Akron conducting the services. Her life was a very useful one. She had eight children, one only of whom was a girl, and she died young.

Louisa Fisk married Horatio Hammond, youngest son of Jason and Rachel, She was an earnest and faithful worker in the Congregational church at this place, of which both were lifelong members. In June, 1848, her family removed to Galesburg, Ill., arriving in time to celebrate the 4th of July at the home of her sister there, Mrs. Theo. Hammond. From here they removed to Oneida, Ill. and lived on a farm.

Roxanna(Fields) Hammond, who with her husband, Calvin, came to Bath in June, 1815, was born at Fairley, Vt.

She was one of the first to become interested in the church at Bath center, where Mr. Hammond is buried\_ Her son, Royal, was elected deacon of that church at the age of twenty-five. After the death of Mr. Hammond she made her home with him, and when he removed to Ontario, Ill. in 1844, she accompanied him, and died there in

Her son drove 1500 head of sheep west at the time of their removal, being 49 days on the road, and she drove the wagon a great part of the way and doing all the cooking. In speaking of his mother recently Royal says: "She was a very energetic and healthy woman. She began on a farm right in the woods." Theodore, the son of Elijah and Sarah Hale, married Irene Lyman, born 1814, at Brattleboro, Vt. She came to Strongsville, O. when she was three years old. She was one of the sweetest dispositioned women the world ever knew. She had eight children, four living; Celia E. is in Oberlin, O. Mrs. Irene Hale died August, 1871. Sally C. Upson, first wife of William Hale (a little boy when his father Jonathan moved to Bath in 1810), was born in Tallmadge, married Mr. Hale November, 1823 and came to live at the old Hale homestead. Six months after she died while absent on a visit to Tallmadge. For second wife Mr. Hale married, 1831, Harriet Carlton, born



March 18, 1811, died 1854. She was a niece of Mrs. Jonathan Hale, second wife. She had five children; Sarah, Lucy, Olivia, Othello and Josephine. Othello only now living.

Jane\_ Mather, born in Northfield, Summit County, O., 1821, married, 1838, Andrew Hale, brother of William, and settled in the old Hale homestead, where she still resides. She was a daughter of Mrs. Jonathan (Mather) Hale. She had six children; Pamela, Sophronia, Clara, Charles O., Alida and John, all married and living; Betsey Mather, another daughter of Mrs. Jonathan (Mather) Hale, born 1823 at Northfield, moved to Bath in 1840 and married Sanford Rogers of Bath. She taught school at \$1.25 per week to buy wedding

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outfit. Resided in Bath eight years, when she moved to Galesburg, Ill. She had four children, three born in Bath. Josiah Fowler came to Bath with the colony in 1810, married there and lived on a farm adjoining Elijah Hale, but the maiden name of his wife is not recalled.

Another settler about this time was Polly (Brown) Barber. She lived in the family of Jason Hammond nine years. Barber died and she married second, Fanning. She died in Bath. She used to say that her life was made up of "nines." Her father died when she was nine years old; at nine she went to live at Mr. Hammond; she lived there nine years; when she married Barber, he lived nine years; she was a widow nine years, and then married Fanning, and in nine years he died.

Shortly after the settlement .in the valley was fairly under way, it began to spread to the hills, and soon the village of

#### HAMMOND'S CORNERS

was founded, with post office, school, church, tannery, shops of various kinds, and other New England appliances for a thrifty community. The site for the store and school house was donated by Theodore Hammond, the first bona fide

settler of the township. He became of age in the May preceding his removal from Connecticut and was at that time unmarried. He afterwards was appointed the agent of the proprietor of the remaining unsold land, and as such representative settled a number of additional worthy families about the "Corner."

The married ladies of the colony were sisters and sister-in-law, they practically making one family of the whole settlement. Mercy S. Piper, the first wife of Jonathan Hale, was born in Acton, Mass., April 28, 1779. She was the fourth child in the family of seventeen children of Samuel Piper, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. With her parents she moved to Eastbury, Conn. about 1783 and married Jonathan Hale of Glastonbury in 1802. Their home was in Glastonbury until 1810, when as previously stated with the families of Jason Hammond and Elijah Hale they moved to Bath. In addition to a good education she had also learned the trade of a tailoress and many a pioneer was made happy by receiving from her deft fingers nicely made garments, the material of which had been grown, carded, spun and woven right in the neighborhood. Leaving comfortable homes on the banks of the Connecticut and settling in rudely constructed log houses in the wilderness meant many privations. Mrs. Hale was capable of mastering them all, and her pluck and courage were often brought to the front. Eighteen miles from a post office, few books, no newspapers, no physicians within miles, and plenty of fever and ague, wild animals numerous and quite often Indians, called for indomitable courage. When the war of 1812 broke out they were in constant fear of the Indians and slept with their door barricaded and their gun and ax by the side of their bed ready for any emergency. She was the mother of five children, three of whom were born in Connecticut—Sophronia, William and Pamela; and two in Bath—Andrew and James,

the latter only now living (1896) in Akron, O. She was a noble and kindhearted woman and died in Bath, October 16, 1829. Her eldest daughter, Sophronia, who helped so materially in her mother's work until the old log house was discarded and a spacious brick was built, was married to Ward K. Hammond, May 31, 1827 and settled on a farm near Hammond's Corners, living there until 1837, when they moved to Delaware County, Ohio, and from thence to Davis County, Ill., where she died February 5, 1873.

Her descendants are many, and are widely scattered through the Western states,

NOBLE MEN AND WOMEN,  
making their impress wherever they go. Pamela, her youngest daughter, was married September 28, 1828 to William C. Oviatt, who had been a contractor of blacksmith work in the building of the Ohio canal, and afterward carried on an extensive business in carriage manufacturing at Tallmadge, O. She had no children of her own, but adopted and kindly cared for two orphan children, one the wife of a prosperous farmer in Nebraska, and the other a prominent surgeon in Wisconsin.

Sarah Hale, wife of Elijah Hale, and sister to Rachel Hale Hammond and Jonathan Hale, was born in Glaston-

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bury, Conn., Feb. 16, 1771; married her cousin, Elijah Hale, December 25, 1799 and came to Bath as above stated in

She was a remarkably kindhearted woman and keenly felt the separation from her mother, even to her old age often making preparations and talking about "going home to see mother." She was very strict in her observance of the Sabbath, which for her began at sundown Saturday evening and closed at sundown on Sunday evening. Her children were Eveline, Mary and Theodore. The first two were born in Glastonbury, Conn.,

Eveline, 1801, and Mary, 1804.  
Eveline married John Bosworth, Dec.  
6, 1821 and moved to Edinburg, Portage  
County, where she died May 1,,

She was the mother of two children,  
Augusta, who married John Bell.  
and who is now living at Muskegon,  
Mich. and Eveline, who married James  
Cook and is living at Weymouth, Ohio.  
The former has numerous descendants  
in Michigan and Washington, but the  
latter has none.

Mary lived single until October 14,  
1860, when she married Deacon Ethel  
Strong of Edinburg, O., where she went  
to reside. Several years later her husband  
dying, she returned to her old  
home in Bath, but when her brother  
Theodore moved to Oberlin, P. she  
moved to Weymouth and spent the remainder  
of her days with her niece,  
Mrs. Cook.

Of the sixteen who came to Bath in  
1810, she was the last one to die.  
Royal Hammond, one of the Bath  
pioneers who is still living at Galesburg,  
Ill. tells of his walking with Mary  
through the woods to Richfield to  
school and how they came across a  
wolf, which graciously let them pass  
without molestation, and how they once  
caught and killed two young raccoons,  
and skinning them proposed to sell  
their skins and buy for one a pocket  
knife and for the other a side comb.  
And how their teacher one day saw a  
large flock of deer feeding near the  
school house, and telling the pupils to  
keep still he ran across the lots for his  
gun, expecting to kill one, but while  
gone so much noise had been made  
that the deer were frightened, and the  
teacher came back and gave them all  
a good scolding. "Aunt Mary" was  
married at the age of fifty—six. She  
wore a bonnet made from the silk dress  
worn by her grandmother, Rachel Tal-  
cott, when she was married in 1758,  
In a part of Jason Hammond's residence  
was taught the first school with  
pupils of all grades and sizes. Among

the teachers were Roxanna and Phoebe Jones, sisters of Nathan. The former, while riding a spirited coal-black colt, which she was breaking, met for the first time a young engineer, who was engaged in laying out and constructing the Ohio canal, Capt. Richard Howe, to whom she was married in 1827. A year later she removed to Akron and organized the first Sunday school in that place. This was done in the school house on lot No. 35, which is still used for school purposes.

Mrs. Howe continued her Sunday school ministrations with but few brief intermissions for a full half century. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom are living.

Phoebe Jones, closing her school labors, married Ira Hawkins, who was a canal superintendent for a quarter of a century, at what is now "Ira" post office, "Hawkins" station on the Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railway. Leaving there they removed to the Hawkins homestead, three miles west of Akron. They left two sons and one daughter and three orphan children, whom they brought up as their own. Early in life she made it a rule to devote at least half an hour every day to solid reading, and to this she adhered, though much of the time was snatched from sleep after the family had retired.

Jason Hammond's son Lewis married Eleanor Jones, the eldest of the three sisters, and in time succeeded to his father's estate.

A sad accident happened to the family of Mrs. Eleazar King, which cast a gloom over the remainder of her life.

They came to Bath in 1826. leaving one married daughter in Massachusetts.

Lucy King went back to visit this sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, and both were returning to the home in Bath when they were lost on the steamer Erie that burnt on Lake Erie in 1843.

To the early settlement of the township Ontario County, New York, contributed more than any other locality.

Of 'Puritanic descent, they brought with

them some characteristic traits of their ;  
ancestry and planted them in the western  
wilds. Of the Jones family two brothers'  
not mentioned settled in Westfield  
and one in Norton. They were children  
of Major Sylvanus Jones, who traced  
his descent from Capt. Jones of

THE MAYFLOWER,

and Phoebe Sears Jones, whose ancestral  
head on this continent was a passenger  
in that memorable voyage.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania  
contributed their quota to this  
settlement, and it is claimed that a former  
resident of the town, distinguished  
in war and jurisprudence, General and  
Judge A. C. Voris, is indebted for some  
peculiarities to a dash of aboriginal blood  
coursing through his veins. Julia Coe  
Voris came originally from Connecticut  
and became the mother of thirteen Children,  
bearing well her part in peopling  
a new territory. Her children were early  
taught industry, frugality and self-reliance,  
and today three generations of her  
descendants revere her memory. .

Mrs. Diana Sturdevant and her husband,  
Joel, were the first of quite a colony  
of relatives that came from Susquehanna  
County, Pa., and settled on the  
Smith Road on the line of Bath and  
Copley. They made the journey with  
horses and wagon. Her father, Orlen  
Capron, accompanied them on horseback  
to help select a place on which to settle.

The father assured Diana when they  
started that he would not leave her in a  
place he would not like to live himself.  
They settled a short distance east of Latta's  
Corners. Then the father returned  
to Pennsylvania. In 1820 a daughter,  
Amy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant.  
Amy is now Mrs. James Arnold,  
of Copley, and to her bright and  
active memory we are indebted for many  
facts that could not has been secured  
elsewhere.

Mrs. Arnold remembers, when a little  
girl, of hearing Mrs. Rachel Latta tell  
with what anxiety and dread she and her  
family waited to hear the result of the

battle on Lake Erie. The neighbors were few and far between. Some started but they had their wagon loaded and waited. If the British were victorious they were to move quickly farther east, where the settlers were more numerous, for they expected to be overpowered by the Indians and scalped without mercy. Mrs. Latta's family were great hunters; though not the first settlers in Bath were the first in the southern part of the town, coming in the spring of 1810. There were seven girls in this family, viz.: Mary, Charlotte, Sally, Ursula, Rachel, Betsey and Florinda.

There was an Indian camp a short distance south of the Latta home on Latta Run, for some time after they came. One afternoon Sally was over there playing with the children, and they asked her to eat supper with them. She did not like to displease them by not staying, but did not think she could relish roast skunk, so left at the risk of offending them.

In 1823 there was quite a number added to the colony, of which Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sturdevant were the first. Orlen Capron and his first wife, Amy Carpenter, and his mother, Martha Metcalf; Comfort Capron and wife, Mary Ann Osmun; Hilen Capron and wife, Fanny Osmun, who settled in Bath; Ara Capron and wife, Eliza Sweet, and Alfred Sweet and wife, Clarissa Capron; then came later Ibra Capron and wife, Louisa Aldrich, who settled in Copley. They traveled by wagon and were three weeks on the road, camping out at night most of the time. With them came also three pioneer children, Julia Capron, a babe of a few months; Hannah Sweet, one year old, and Leah Aldrich Capron, one year old. They had been on the road but a short time when they found that little Julia could not stand riding over the rough roads; so her father and mother took turns walking and carried her in their arms on a pillow to the end of the journey. She is now 'Mrs. Wallace Nelson, of Cleveland, O. Hannah Sweet at the age of sixteen



had charge of a family of seven other motherless children. She spun, wove, made clothes, and had all responsibility for four years, when the father married again, and she married Rial Conkling, of Bath.

Leah Capron was a most successful home and neighborhood doctor and nurse. With home-made remedies she relieved many distresses. She married R. R. Marsh and lived many years in Kent, O.

With this colony too came  
"MY GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK,  
that was too tall for the shelf, so it stood

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ninety years on the floor." Though in 1840 the grandchildren numbered about forty, not one had dared to penetrate the mysteries of that huge clock-case. We could watch with longing the operation of pulling up the heavy weights and arranging the calendar, but must not meddle.

The old clock is still in a good State of preservation in the home of Alfred Capron, of Copley, a grandson of Amy and Orlen Capron. Several others of the same families were added to this colony in 1832.

Mrs. Morris 'Miller, nee Hetty B. Looker, came from Tompkins County: N. Y., in 1817 to Boston township on the Cuyahoga river, with her husband and three sons. They were eleven days on Lake Erie from Buffalo to Cleveland in the little sloop, Livona. Fever and ague, which was a disease none along the river could escape, took hold of them so severely they could not work, so they moved to Bath in 1823.

The first six months their log house had neither doors, windows nor chimney, and Mrs. Miller did the cooking and baking for a family of seven by the side of a big stump, and before winter she and her little boys hauled stone from the creek on a hand sled and built a chimney and bake oven.

Many descendants of these families are now living in Bath and Copley, all good, worthy citizens.

Mrs. Mary A. Capron, being of a quiet, inquisitive nature, and also very kind and sympathetic, seemed always to know who in the neighborhood was in need of a kind word or deed: and was ready in that same quiet way to encourage and help. Her firm but gentle discipline was felt wherever\_ = she moved. She was busy all her life of eighty-four years, because she liked to be, and it was her delight, even to the last year, to have the earliest vegetables from a garden of her own cultivating, with which to treat her friends. She settled in Bath in 1823. Mrs. Capron's youngest daughter, Alfe Capron, was a very successful school teacher.

Mrs. Mehitable Brown was one of Bath's model housekeepers. Whatever of other work she did, and she was a skilled tailoress, her house was always a pattern of neatness and order. Mrs. Brown's granddaughter, Mary Brown, is a graduate of the Long Island College Training School for Nurses; was matron of Akron's hospital for some time, and is now Mrs. W. C. Jacobs, of Akron.

Her husband is Akron's most noted physician. Another granddaughter of Mrs. Brown, Miss Hattie Brown is a graduate of the Akron high school and is a very successful young teacher in the Akron schools at present.

In 1834 Margaret Moore bade Farewell to her lover, Joseph Brinley, in Franklin County, Pa., and with others of her family started on horseback to seek a new home in Ohio, having Copley in view, as her sister Mary had settled there earlier. It 'did not take young Joseph long to decide that Pennsylvania had no charms for him when  
"PEGGY" WAS NOT THERE.

Next day he started for Ohio, too, and it seems with a determination to catch the party so lately gone, for he overtook them before they were out of the state, at a little place called Bloody Run, where by the proper authority the words that united Joseph Brinley and Margaret Moore for life were spoken. They settled in a short time on one of the most

desirable farms in Bath, where they stayed the rest of their lives, and where a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Margaret, are still living. Margaret Brinley was a successful school teacher for several years.

Mrs. Elisha Miller, nee Sarah Woodford, moved from Farmington, Conn., to Bath in February, 1827, traveling the entire distance by sled. She had her husband and four daughters for company.—Emeline, Clarinda, Lowley and Evaline.

Mrs. Wm. Davis, nee Ann Sewell, with husband and six small children, left friends and native land in Lincolnshire, Eng., to make a home in the United States. They settled first in N. Y. then came to Bath in 1840. The order, discipline and domestic harmony in the one-roomed log cabin, where she raised her twelve good boys and girls, was never more complete in any royal palace, and would have been a blessing to all the homes in this land of freedom.

A daughter of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ann Wyckhoff, is a fashionable dressmaker located at Ghent.

The foregoing embraces the record of the early settlers in Bath township. Hundreds of others came in later, but

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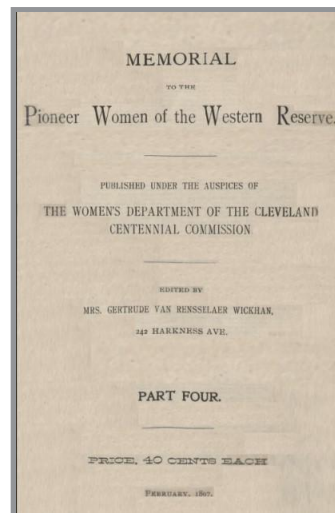
even their names we have not the space to give. The very exalted character of the original colony naturally attracted other good people, until all the desirable unimproved lands were taken up.

But these pioneer scenes and women, Indians, wild animals and forests, together with the little earthen steeper, the loom, pea porridge, the ancient dinner horn, and the "moss-covered bucket which hung in the well," have passed away for all time, and in their narrow cell

"The rude forefathers of sleep."

Historians—Mrs. O. W. Hale, of Akron; Eleanor Hammond Hilliard, of Cleveland; Mrs. H. W. Howe, of Bath.

The women of northwestern Ohio were fortunate to be remembered in this wonderful work!



# Friday Find

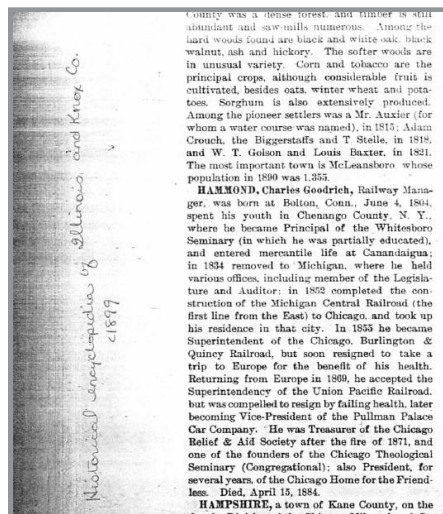
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## Charles Goodrich Hamond

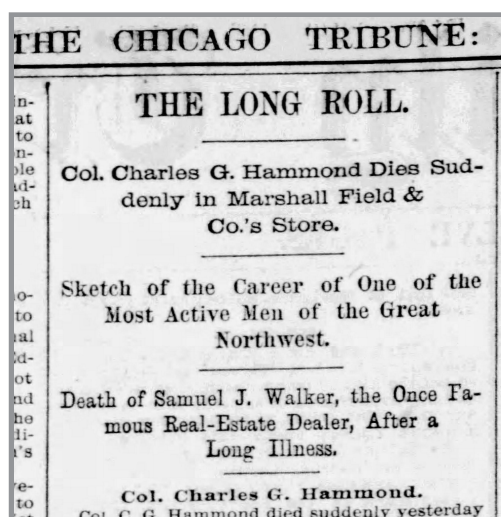
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Hammond, Charles Goodrich, Railway Manager, was born at Bolton, Conn., June 4, 1804 spent his youth in Chenango County, N.Y., where he became Principal of the Whitesboro Seminary (in which he was partially educated), and entered mercantile life at Canandaigua; in 1834 removed to Michigan, where he held various offices, including member of the Legislature and Auditor: in 1852 completed the construction of the Michigan Central Railroad (the first line from the East) to Chicago, and took up his residence in that city. In 1855 he became Superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, but soon resigned to take a trip to Europe for the benefit of his health. Returning from Europe in 1869, he accepted the Superintendency of the Union Pacific Railroad, but was compelled to resign by failing health, later becoming Vice-President of the Pullman Palace Car Company. He was Treasurer of the Chicago Relief & Aid Society after the fire of 1871, and one of the founders of the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational); also President, for several years, of the Chicago Home for the Friendless. Died, April 15, 1884.



Charles G. Hammond evidently had a very successful career with the railroads. A search of Newspapers.com for an obituary found several obituaries that provide more details about his successful life.



"The Long Roll," The Chicago Tribune, 16 Apr 1884, page 2. (Available on Newspapers.com)

Included in the obituary found in the April 16, 1884 issue of The Chicago Tribune were details about the Ancestry of Charles G. Hammond.

#### His Ancestry

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CHAS. L. BARRETT



# On This Day

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Have you ever looked up what happened on a date for a significant family event? I've never done this before, but a quick Google search reveals several sites that provide this type of information.

- Wikipedia
- The People History
- Time and Date
- Britannica
- On This Day

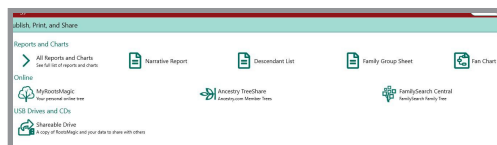
So what happened on today, May 28th? Below are a few events occurring on May 28th

- 1533 – Archbishop of Canterbury declared marriage of King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn to be valid
- 1754 – French and Indian War – first engagement involved the Virginia militia under Col. George Washington
- 1830 – President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act which forcibly relocated native Americans
- 1893 – John Muir organized the Sierra Club in San Francisco
- 1934 – Dionne quintes were born in Canada
- 1936 Alan Turing submitted a paper on computable numbers
- 1937 – Volkswagen company was founded
- 1940 – WWII – Belgium surrendered to Nazi Germany to end the Battle of Belgium
- 1999 – Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper, put back on display after being restored

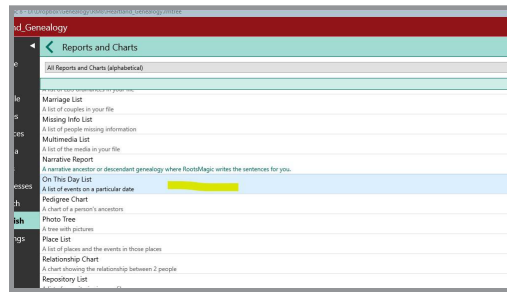
***So, were you aware that your genealogy program could generate this information? I wasn't.***

I was going to create a group with event dates that included May 28 and then print such a list. While looking for a report to print the list, I discovered the "On This Day" report in RootsMagic 8.

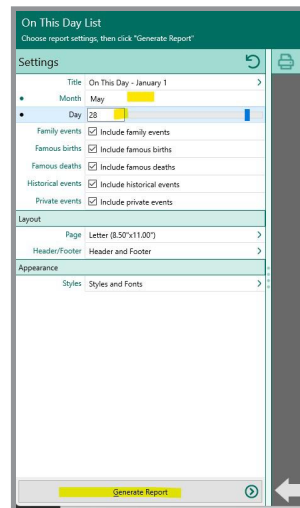
Since the PUBLISH menu shows the most recent report types that I've used, the 'On This Day' report does not appear on the page.



Thus, I have to click on the 'All Reports and Charts' to see the entire list of available reports.



When I click on the 'On This Day List' I can select the month and day and type of events for the report.



Below are excerpts from a report for the date of May 28.

## Family Events

On This Day - May 28		23 April 2022
<b>Family Events</b>		
1612 - Birth:	John Hollister-19333, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England	
1739 - Death:	Dorothy Aubrey-19692, Prince William, Virginia, United States	
1739 - Death:	John Benjamin Wriggle-19691, Prince William, Virginia, United States	
1751 - Death:	Mexibah Williams-19392, Smithfield, Providence, Rhode Island, United States	
1782 - Birth:	Hosmer Merry-16464, Kinderhook, Columbia, New York, United States	
1786 - Birth:	Mary Crawford-1445, Garrard, Kentucky, United States	
1802 - Death:	Gloriana Fowler-16525, Newburgh, Orange, New York, United States	
1829 - Marriage:	James Lackey-5812 and Minilda Curry-5811, Franklin, Indiana, United States	
1836 - Birth:	Milison Mary Rockets-3098,	
1838 - Birth:	John Young-17317, Randolph, North Carolina, United States	
1843 - Birth:	Daniel DeLamare Rose-1150, New York, New York, United States	
1844 - Marriage:	William Maddox Curry-6133 and Sarah Close-6159, Adams, Ohio, United States	
1845 - Death:	Alexander Crawford-8518,	
1859 - ChildBearing:	David Shankland-21206, Iroquois, Illinois, United States	
1859 - Birth:	David Shankland-21206, Iroquois County, IL	
1864 - Marriage:	John R. Burke-10296 and Elizabeth Conklin-11945, Bowling Green, Warren, Kentucky, United States	
1866 - Birth:	Charles Fenton Foster-1069,	

## Famous Births

Famous Births	
1140	- Xin Qiji, Chinese poet (d. 1207)
1371	- John the Fearless, Duke of Burgundy (d. 1419)
1524	- Selim II, Ottoman Sultan (d. 1574)
1582	- William Fiennes, 1st Viscount Saye and Sele, English statesman (d. 1662)
1588	- Pierre Segnier, Chancellor of France (d. 1672)
1641	- Janez Vajkard Valvasor, Slovenian polymath (d. 1693)
1660	- King George I of Great Britain (d. 1727)
1676	- Jacopo Riccati, Italian mathematician (d. 1754)
1692	- Joseph Butler, English philosopher (d. 1752)
1738	- Joseph-Ignace Guillotin, French physician (d. 1814)
1759	- William Pitt the Younger, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (d. 1806)
1763	- Manuel Alberti, Argentine priest and head of state (d. 1811)
1779	- Thomas Moore, Irish poet (d. 1852)
1807	- Louis Agassiz, Swiss-born zoologist and geologist (d. 1873)
1818	- P.G.T. Beauregard, American Confederate general (d. 1893)

## Famous Deaths

Famous Deaths	
576	- Saint Germain of Paris, French bishop (Born 496)
1357	- King Afonso IV of Portugal (Born 1291)
1509	- Caterina Sforza, Countess of Forlì (Born 1463)
1556	- Saito Dosan, Japanese daimyo (Born 1494)
1672	- John Trevor, English politician (Born 1626)
1747	- Luc de Clapiers, marquis de Vauvenargues, French writer (Born 1715)
1750	- Emperor Sakuramachi of Japan (Born 1720)
1787	- Leopold Mozart, Austrian composer (Born 1719)
1805	- Luigi Boccherini, Italian composer (Born 1743)

## Famous Events

Historical Events	
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On This Day - May 28	
23 April 2022	
<p>1503 - James IV of Scotland and Margaret Tudor are married according to a Papal Bull by Pope Alexander VI. A Treaty of Everlasting Peace between Scotland and England signed on that occasion results in a peace that lasts ten years.</p> <p>1533 - The Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer declares the marriage of King Henry VIII of England to Anne Boleyn valid.</p> <p>1588 - The Spanish Armada, with 130 ships and 30,000 men, sets sail from Lisbon heading for the English Channel. (It will take until May 30 for all ships to leave port.)</p> <p>1644 - Bolton Massacre by Royalist troops under the command of the Earl of Derby.</p> <p>1754 - French and Indian War: in the first engagement of the war, Virginia militia under 22-year-old Lieutenant Colonel George Washington defeat a French reconnaissance party in the Battle of <u>Jumonville</u> Glen in what is now Fayette County in southwestern Pennsylvania.</p>	

This report in RootsMagic contains much more information than I could ever put together from the various web sites. Thus, I'm glad I discovered this report!

# Some Gave All

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Since 2010, Nutfield Genealogy has challenged local genealogists to photograph and transcribe war memorials through its Honor Roll Project. Even though I've been aware of this challenge, I haven't taken the time to photograph and then transcribe any of the many memorials in Nemaha county, Kansas. This year, I am contributing to the project.

The picture below is from the veterans wall on the East side of Seneca. This wall was established by the local veterans under the leadership of John Rottinghaus. It is a beautiful and moving tribute to the many veterans of Nemaha County. This particular section of the display honors those who died serving our country.



## 1st Column (Left to Right)

- Tate Moses S-Sgt MIA after Bombing Raid on Rumanian Oil Field
- Sgt Earle Taylor Co F 1st Kansas Inf Co F 137 Inf Killed in Action October 2, 1918 World War I
- Pvt Palmer Jones 41 Co 164 Dep Brig Co I 356 Inf Died from Wounds Oct 10, 1918 WWI
- John L. Graham Captain Co D 8th Kansas Inf KIA Sept 19, 1863 Chickamauga Ga
- William Clampett Pvt Co D 8th Kansas Inf KIA Sept 19, 1863 Chickamauga GA
- Robert M Hale 1st Sgt Co D 8th Kansas Inf KIA Sept 19 1863 Chickamauga GA

## 2nd column

- Sgt Joseph Henry Co K 47 Inf Co 139 Inf Died from Wounds October 10, 1918 World War I
- Clare F Sparling Corporal Company E 353rd Infantry Died Sept 19 1918 Buried St Mihiel Thiaucourt France
- Pvt Joseph M Grew Co C 1st KS Inf Co C 137 Inf Div Killed in Action Oct 18, 1918 WW I
- Eitel F Thieme Corporal Co 353 Infantry Killed in Action November 1 1918 World War I
- Delbert M Moyer PFC Co M 125th Inf 32th Div Army Killed in action July 31 1918 WWI Buried in Belgium

## 3rd column

- Pvt Joseph Gress Arrived in France Mar 1918 7th Inf Brig 3rd Inf Div Died Oct 18

- 1918 Buried Romagne Fr
- Schultejans Bernard PFC army 26th Infantry Div KIA Luxembourg 44 Buried Luxembourg WWII Purple Heart
- Robert G Griffith US Army Air Force POW Bronze Star Purple Heart Died 1942 Bataan Death March Philippines
- Pvt John W Levick Co F 1 Ks Inf Co F 137 Inf Killed in Action October 2, 1918 World War I
- David W Armstrong Pvt Co A 21 F Sig Bn Co A 828 F Sig En Repl Det Killed in Action Oct 9 1918 WWI

4th column

- Joseph M Boeding Third Class Navy Lost at Sea 1945 on Submarine USS Trigger Okinawa Purple Heart
- St Sgt Earl Meyer Wounded in France Returned to Duty KIA St Lo France July 23 1944 WWII Purple Heart
- LT Haley Skinner 66th Pursuit Squadron group 57 Missing in Action April 4 1942 WWII Purple Heart
- George W Springer Lieut Air Corps 406th FB Squadron 371st Fighter KIA 1944 German WWII Purple Heart
- Lieut Robert Shaw Flier Army Missing in Action over Germany 1944 WW II Purple Heart

5th column

- George Bieri Navy Fire Controlman KIA When aircraft Carrier Liscombe Bay Was Sunk WWII Purple Heart
- Sgt Elgin Strahm Amphibious Boat Service US Army Killed in Action Southwest Pacific WW II Purple Heart
- Sgt Lewis Barrett European Theater Killed in Action August 12 1944 WWII Purple Heart
- Raymond Rokey Capt Infantry KIA France 28th Infantry Div World War II Purple Heart
- Joseph Enneking PFC Co K 410 Inf KIA in Action France oct 4 1944 Buried in France Purple Heart

6th column

- Pvt George Weeks Killed in action November 9 1944 France WWII Purple Heart
- Bernard A Becker St Sgt 560 Bomb Squadron 388 Bomb Gr Lost Contact over Europe KIA WWII Purple Heart
- Winterscheidt St Sgt Lawrence Radioman on B-25 Killed in Action New Britain WWII Purple Heart
- Tech5 Ralph Allen Company B 34th Tank Battalion KIA Dec 14 1944 Western Germany WW II Purple Heart
- Sgt Roy L fund 137th Infantry 35th Division Killed in Action Normandy July 1944 WWII Purple Heart

7th column

- Raymond Woltkamp Flight Officer B24 Liberator First Pilot Shot Down June 16 1944 Purple Heart
- Sgt Carol E Domer Lost at Sea 1943 Near New Guinea 90th Bob Group Located 2002 Purple Heart
- Lt Ernest Swart Pilot B24 Flying Tigers over Hump Killed Jan 1945 China WWII
- Hunninghake Henry J St Sgt Headquarters Co 357th Infantry KIA Normandy 1944

WWII Purple Heart

- Maj Arlie Higgins POW Phillippines KIA Oct 24 1944 Japanese Ship was Sunk  
Bearing POW WWII Purple Heart

8th Column

- George E Kohake Sn 2nd Class Navy CI-62-Birmingham KIA May 4 1945 Buried at  
Sea WWII Purple Heart
- Sgt Frank Schafer Tank Commander KIA 1945 France Purple Heart World War II
- Richard Bindel St Sgt Engineer Turret Gunner B24 Liberator Missing 1944 over  
France WW II Purple Heart
- Sgt Virgil Brown Engineer on B24 Liberator Bomber Failed to Return from Mission  
1944 WWII Purple Heart
- Pvt Francis Long Killed in Action Lubang Island 1945 World War II Purple Heart

9th Column

- Patrick C Reid Captain US Army FA Bn 8th Inf Div Killed in Action July 14 1953  
Tumok Korea
- William Guilford Pvt Infantry Killed in Action near Aachen Germany Sept 1944 WWII  
Purple Heart
- Corp Cyril Nolte One of First Inf Division to Enter France Killed in Actin Sept 1944  
WWII Purple Heart
- Kellenberger Galen PFC runner Radio Man L Co 47th Inf KIA April 21 1945 WWII  
Purple Heart
- Donald Hall Navy Lost at Sea Jan 16 1944 aboard Submarine USS Corvina WW II  
Purple Heart

10 Column

- Ronald Lee Haug SSgt E5 Army 101 st Airborne KIA Feb 13 1970 Thua Thien South  
Vietnam
- Ronald Ray Ward PFC US Army 199th Light Inf Brigade Bien-Hoa Vietnam KIA May  
23 1969 Purple Heart
- Cecil T Thompson 4 Air Commando Sq S Sgt Air Force Oak Leaf Cluster KIA  
Vietnam Jan 9 1967 Purple Heart
- Edward R Lukert Sgt 22nd Infantry 3rd Bat 4th Div Died by Dau Tieng Vietnam June  
11 69 Purple Heart
- Joseph L Becker SFC US Army Missing in Action Korea Nov 2 1950 Bronze Star  
Purple Heart
- Harry Bieri Chief Fire Control US Battleship USS New York Sunk Battle of Midway  
KIA WWII Purple Ht

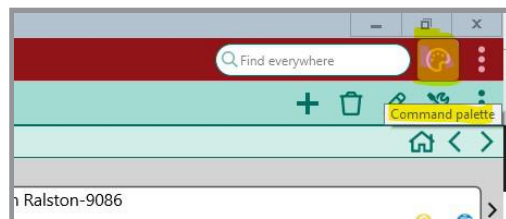
# Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2022

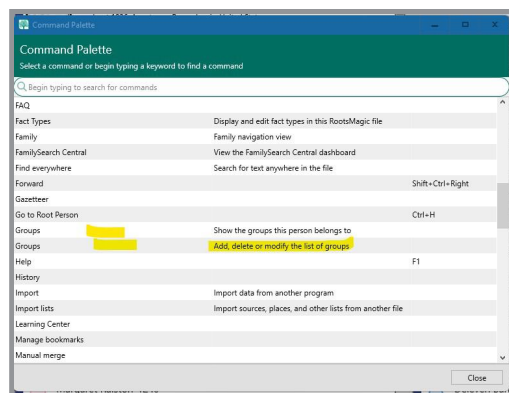
Today is the day that was established to honor those who died while serving our country. Can you identify your ancestors or cousins whom we would honor today? Although I am aware of some of my cousins, I cannot readily name them.

However, my genealogy program is a database. Thus, I should be able to use the program and create a list. Unfortunately, searching for this type of information in a database requires that data be entered accurately. And I can attest to the fact incomplete or missing data in my file will impact my ability to pull this information.

Knowing that my mom has a couple of 2nd cousins who died during World War II, I started trying to create a list of those who died during that war. My first step was to create a group. This feature is located under the command palette, whose icon is located in the upper right corner of RootsMagic 8.

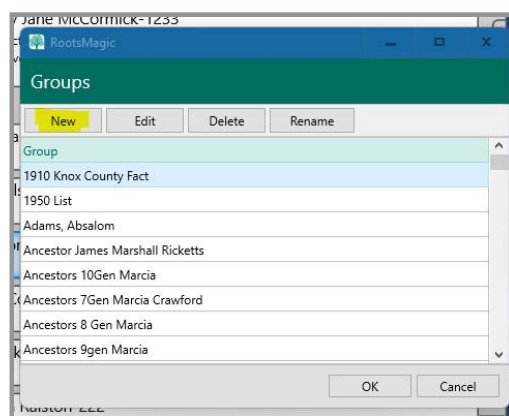


Opening the list of commands, I scroll down to GROUPS. Since I want to create a group, I'm looking for the command to 'Add, delete or modify the list of groups'.

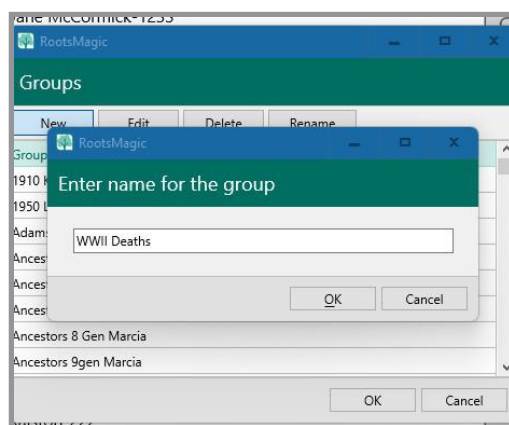


Clicking that choice opens the GROUPS window. This window shows my existing groups and has buttons to add (new), edit, delete or rename a group.

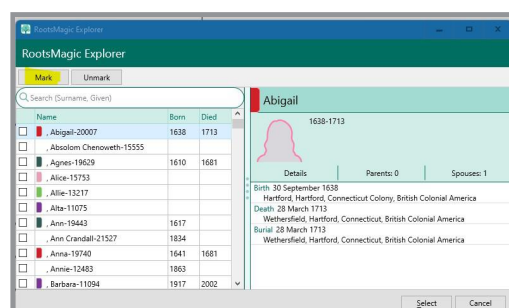




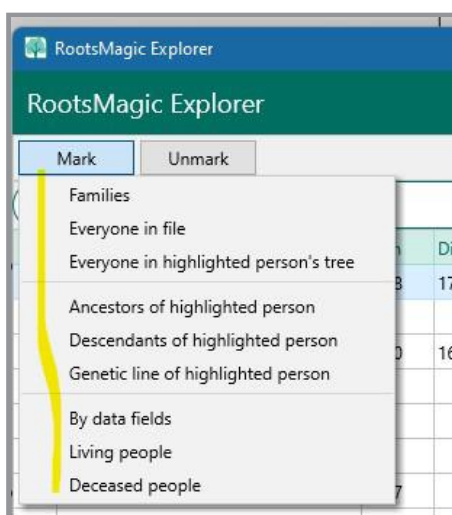
To create my group, I click on the NEW button. A window opens prompting me to enter a name for this group. For this example, I'm going to name my group 'WWII Deaths'.



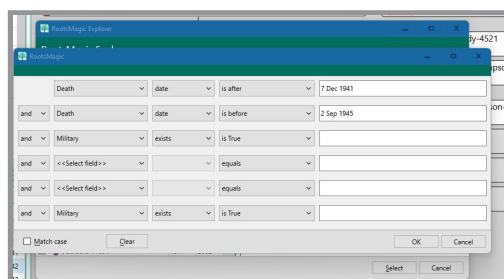
That opens a window titled RootsMagic Explorer that shows a list of everyone in my file with boxes for checkmarks to indicate group membership. Since I'm creating this group from scratch, I want to use the MARK button.



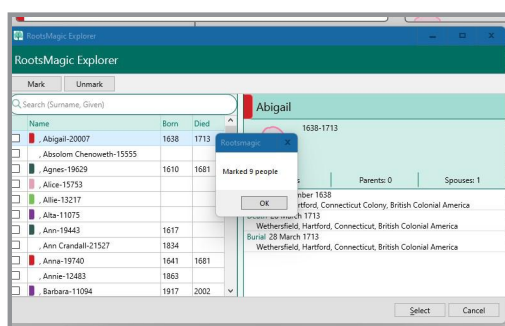
Clicking the MARK button opens a pull-down menu showing my choices. Since I'm wanting to create a list based on the death date and place, I want to use the 'By Data Fields' choice.



This opens a window that allows me to select data fields and create a 'sentence' defining my search. Sometimes figuring out this 'sentence' is trial and error. This is also where incomplete data can impact the results. For my first 'trial', I'm going to search for those people with a military fact who died between 7 Dec 1941 and 2 Sept 1945. I am using 7 Dec 1941 as my start date since that is the date in which the United States was attacked.

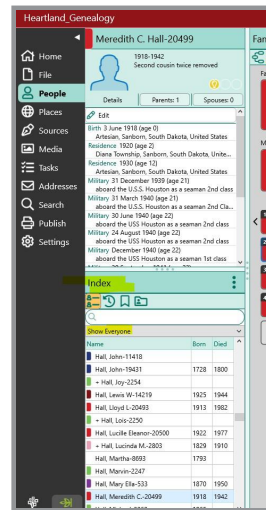


When I click the OK button, the software searches my file and finds 9 people that have a military fact who died during the specified time period.

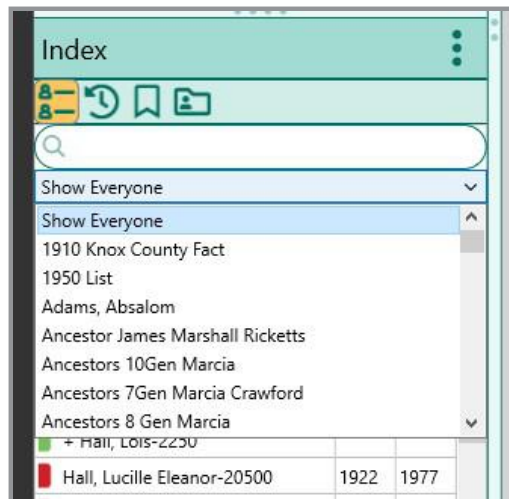


To finish creating the group, I have to click on the OK button and then click on the SELECT button in the lower right corner of the window. If I forget to click SELECT, my group is not created. That closes the selection window and returns me to the group window, where I have to again click OK to close the window.

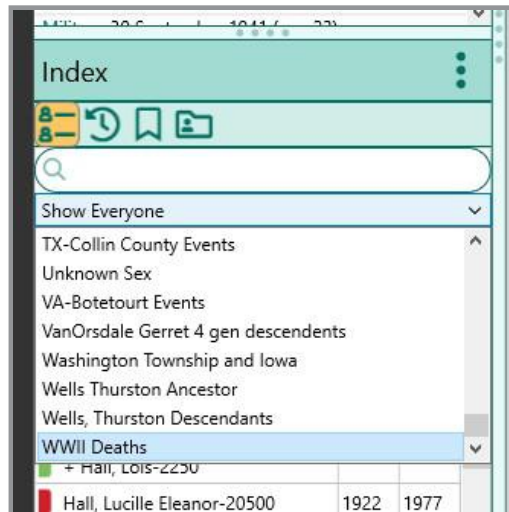
The easiest way to review my group is to use the INDEX on the side of the PEOPLE screen. The default for the Index is to SHOW EVERYONE.



When I click on the 'Show Everyone' box, a menu opens showing the groups I have created.



If I scroll down the list, I can locate my newly created WWII DEATHS group.

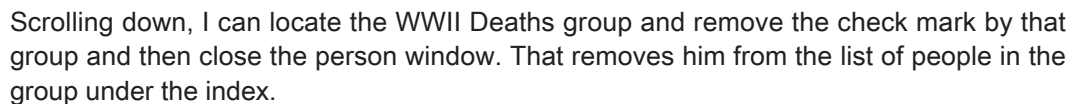
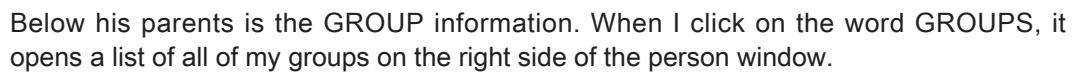


Selecting the WWII DEATHS group causes the index to display the members of this group.

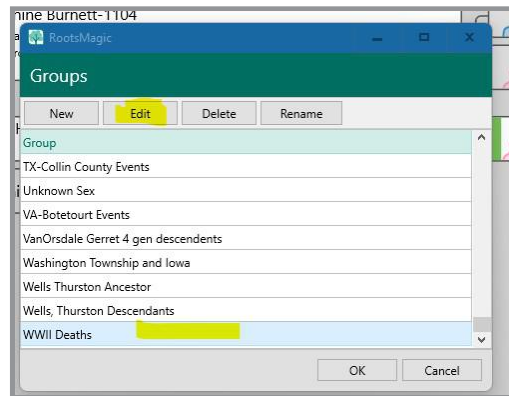
Name	Born	Died
Barnes, Lloyd William-11588	1888	1941
Hall, Meredith C.-20499	1918	1942
+ Hutchinson, Eliza Honor-884	1864	1943
Hutchinson, Ray Gillis-530	1892	1942
Lighter, Aaron-18895	1925	1945
Mentzer, Lovell Jennings-1845	1926	1945
Mentzer, Paul Emory-1712	1896	1942
+ Noland, Eliza Honor-884	1864	1943
Peake, Cleo Byron-2050	1914	1944
Van Valkenberg, Honore Eliza-884	1864	1943
Walters, Claude Arnold-1429	1921	1945

Looking at that list, I have several people born before 1900 who were included on the list. I have two options to 'clean up' this list. One option is to look at each person in question, evaluate their information and then remove them from the list if they don't meet my criteria.

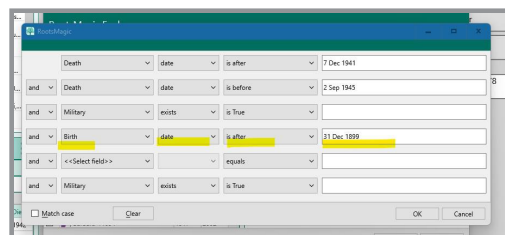
For example, Lloyd William Barnes is on my list with a death date of 14 Dec 1941. He also has a military fact, but it is dated 1918.

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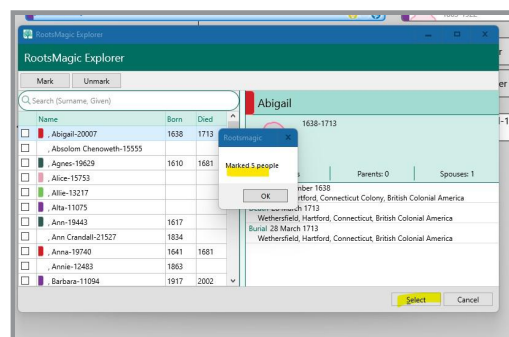
I can continue working my way thru the group one person at a time, or I could edit my group and add a statement to help narrow the selection. In this case, I might add a statement requiring the birth date to be after 1900. To do this, I follow the same procedure used to open the GROUPS menu. Then I scroll down to locate my group, WWII Deaths.



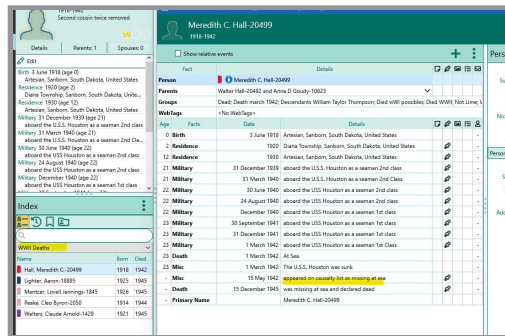
This time, I want to click on the EDIT button. This opens the RootsMagic Explorer window where I can mark/unmark members in this group. Since I'm editing an existing group, I usually check UNMARK and select prior to going back in and editing my selection. This makes sure that those I don't want in the group are removed. Once I'm back in the RootsMagic Explorer window, I select MARK and pick BY DATA FIELDS as before. My previous 'sentence' is still there. I only need to ADD to it. Thus, I'm going to add a 4th line for the Birth Date is after 31 Dec 1899.



Clicking OK causes the program to search using my new criteria. Five people are now marked. This is where I need to remember to click SELECT after clicking the OK button.



Working my way thru these 5 people, I can verify that I have information entered for each of them about their death during World War II.



Using this process, I created groups for the Korean War, World War II, World War I and the Civil War.

## Korean War Deaths

- John Frederick Christy

## World War II Deaths

- Meredith C. Hall
- Aaron Lighter
- Lovell Jennings Mentzer
- Cleo Byron Peake
- Claude Arnold Walters

## World War I Deaths

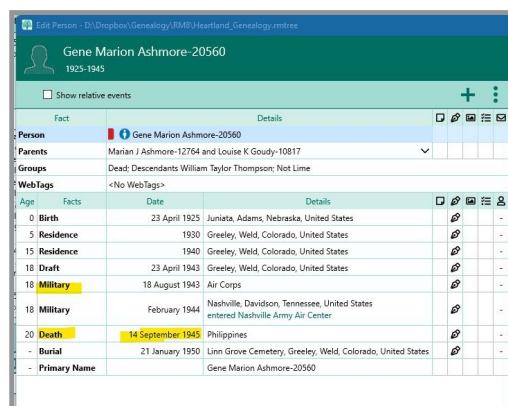
- None

## Civil War Deaths

- John Nelson Ralston
- John Wesley Roberts

While creating these groups is the easiest way I know of to identify these cousins deserving to be honored this Memorial Day. However, this method is not perfect. (Remember, it depends on the completeness and accuracy of my data.) Since I remembered writing about a service member who died when his plane crashed, I expected him to be on my list. And, he is NOT.

My blog post, Plane Down, identifies him as **2nd Lieutenant Gene Marion Ashmore**.

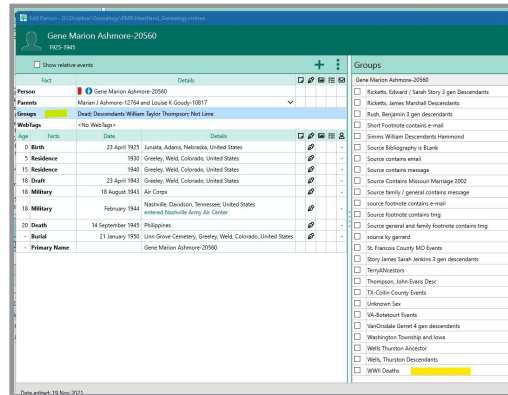


Checking what information I have for Gene Marion Ashmore, I can verify that he has a



military fact. However, his death date is outside of the dates I used for my search. It is a few days AFTER the official end of World War II. Thus, the computer did not add his name to my group of WWII Deaths.

Since I would like to be able to include him in my list of WWII veterans to be honored on Memorial Day, I can manually add him to the list. If I click on GROUPS (below his parents) and then scroll down my list of groups, I can locate the 'WWII Deaths' group.



When I return to the index and select the WWII Deaths group, I can verify that he has been added.

The screenshot shows the 'Index' page in the genealogy software. A search bar is at the top. Below it, the 'WWII Deaths' group is selected, and a list of people is displayed with columns for Name, Born, and Died.

Name	Born	Died
Ashmore, Gene Marion-20560	1925	1945
Hall, Meredith C.-20499	1918	1942
Lighter, Aaron-18895	1925	1945
Mentzer, Lovell Jennings-1845	1926	1945
Peake, Cleo Byron-2050	1914	1944
Walters, Claude Arnold-1429	1921	1945

As my database grows, I will either need to remember to update these lists as I identify a veteran or use the GROUPS menu to edit the group.

How about you? Can you identify people in your tree to be honored on Memorial Day?

# Seriously Burned

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

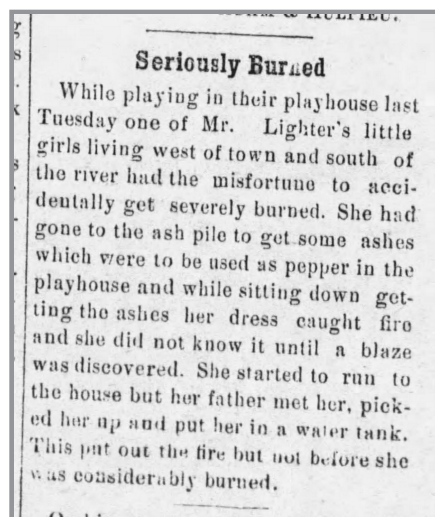
Do you remember being told as a child to not play with matches or to stay away from the stove? While our lifestyles have gotten safer, it is still possible for a child to get burned.

While researching my RALSTON line, I discovered a newspaper article about a cousin who did get too close to ashes.

## Seriously Burned

While playing in their playhouse last Tuesday one of Mr. Lighter's little girls living west of town and south of the river had the misfortune to accidentally get severely burned. She had gone to the ash pile to get some ashes which were to be used as pepper in the playhouse and while sitting down getting the ashes her dress caught fire and she did not know it until a blaze was discovered. She started to run to the house but her father met her, picked her up and put her in a water tank. This put out the fire but not before she was considerably burned.

"Seriously Burned," Dodge City Reporter (Dodge City, Kansas), 26 January 1900, page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 14 May 2022



A couple of weeks later, little Ruth Elva Lighter died from being burned.

## W. E. Lighter's Little Girl Died Last Saturday

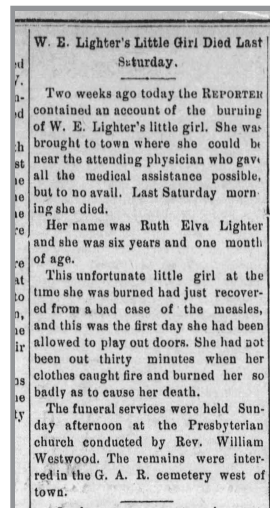
Two weeks ago today the Reporter contained an account of the burning of W. E. Lighter's little girl. She was brought to town where she could be near the attending physician who gave all the medical assistance possible, but to no avail. Last Saturday morning she died. Her name was Ruth Elva Lighter and she was six years and one month of age.

This unfortunate little girl at the time was burned had just recovered from a bad case of the measles and this was the first day she had been allowed to play outdoors. She had not been out thirty minutes when her clothes caught fire and burned her so badly as to cause her death.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. William Westwood. The remains were interred in the G.A.R. cemetery west of

town.

"W. E. Lighter's Little Girl Died Last Saturday," Dodge City Reporter (Dodge City, Kansas), 9 February 1900, page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 14 May 2022).



# Widow's Deed

Wednesday, June 01, 2022

Have you ever tried to locate deeds for a second wife after her husband's death? I have to admit that I've never done a specific search for such a deed. However, when I searched the Warren County, Indiana deed indexes for Foster, I found a deed involving Juliet Foster, second wife of Zebulon Foster and Zebulon's children.

Not only does this deed identify the children but also provides names for the daughter's husbands and the location for each child in 1889.

Warren County Indiana  
Deed records, 1827-1901

Deed records, v. 43-45, 1889-1893  
Film 1977704 DGS 8071891

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This Indenture witnesseth that **Juliet Foster (unmarried) of Warren County in the State of Indiana** conveys and warrants to **Edward Foster of Vermillion County Illinois Rachel Crider of Iroquois County Illinois Hattie Fleming of Iroquois County Illinois May Crawford of Ford County Kansas Eliza Bell and William Foster in Warren County** in the State of Indiana for the sum of twelve hundred Dollars the following Real Estate in Warren county in the State of Indiana to wit: All the title claim & interest of the said ***Juliet Foster as the widow of Zebulon Foster deceased*** late of said County in & to the ***Northeast quarter of section ten (10) and that portion of the west half of the southeast quarter of said section lying north & east of the Illinois Central Railroad and all being situated in Township Twenty one (21) North Range Nine (9) west*** in said county In Witness where of the said Juliet Foster unmarried has hereunto set her hand and seal this 15th day of October AD 1889

Juliet Foster (seal)

The State of Indiana Warren County SS  
Before me William P Rhodes a Notary Public in and for said county this 15th day of Oct AD 1889 personally appeared Juliet Foster (unmarried) and acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

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Witness my hand and Notorial Seal

William P Rhodes (LS)

1 P.M. Recorded Oct 15 1889

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Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071891. Juliet Foster, 15 Oct 1889 Vol. 43: page 37; digitized images, Family Search



# Division of Land

Thursday, June 02, 2022

Have you ever tried to track land from one generation to another? This 'passing down' of the land is one tool I use to help verify the children in a family. While identifying the children of Zebulon Foster has been fairly easy, tracking his land is proving to be a little more difficult.

The post, Widow's Deed, discussed the sale of his second wife's interest in some of the land to his children in 1889. Later the children begin selling their shares of some of his land in Warren County, Indiana.

In November 1889, William Foster sells his share in a parcel to his siblings.

Warren County, Indiana  
Deeds Vol. 43 page 113-114

This Indenture witnesseth that **William Foster** and Caroline E Foster his wife of Warren County in the State of Indiana Convey and Warrant to **Edward Foster, Eliza Bell Hattie Fleming Rachel Crider & Mary Crawford** for the sum of four thousand six hundred & 44 45/100 Dollars the following described Real Estate situate in Warren County in the State of Indiana to wit: *The west half of the north east quarter of section fifteen (15) containing 75 acres more or less*

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*and all that part of the west half of the south east quarter of section ten (10) lying South of the Illinois Central Railroad containing about 25 acres more or less*

*& all in township twenty one (21) North range nine (9) west & containing in all 100 acres more or less*

subject to all the rights & franchises held by the Wabash Railway company on & over the tract first described and subject also to a judgment & decree of foreclosure in favor of William C. Smith rendered in the Warren Circuit Court on the 22nd day of December 1885 against William Foster and Zebulon Foster (now deceased) which said judgment and decree of foreclosure the said grantees above assume & agree to pay said judgment was rendered for the sum of \$4,326.00

In witness whereof the said William Foster and Caroline Foster his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals this 20 day of November A.D. 1889

William Foster (seal)

Caroline E Foster (seal)

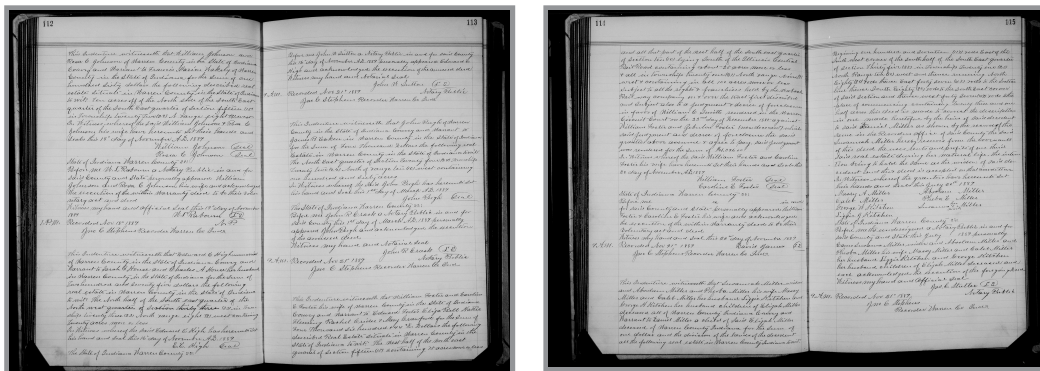
State of Indiana Warren County ss

Before me   a   in and

for said County and State personally appeared William Foster & Caroline E Foster his wife and acknowledged the execution of the within Warranty deed to be their

voluntary act and deed  
Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of November 1889  
David James  
Recorded Nov 21 1889  
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Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071891. William Foster, 20 Nov 1889 Vol 43: Page 113-114; digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 16 May 2022.



Then in 1890, all of the children except Mary Foster Crawford sell their share of another parcel.

Warren County, Indiana  
Deeds Vol. 43 page 580

This Indenture witnesseth that **Edward Foster & Sarah A Foster** his wife of Vermillion County Illinois **William B Crider** and **Rachel Crider** his wife & **John J Fleming** and **Harriet Fleming** his wife of Iroquois County Illinois & **George T Bell & Eliza W Bell** his wife & **William Foster & Carrie E Foster** his wife of Warren County in the State of Indiana Convey and warrant to James Goodwine of Warren County in the state of Indiana for the sum of nine thousand seven hundred Dollars the following described Real Estate situate in Warren County in the State of Indiana to wit:  
The undivided five sixths (5/6)  
of the North East quarter and the west half of the south East quarter of section Ten (10) and the west half

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of the Northeast quarter of section Fifteen (15) except that part of said last named tract lying south of the right of way of the Wabash Rail road & except said right of way all of said lands lying and being in Township Twenty one (21) North Range Nine(9) west in said County. And also except the right of way heretofore conveyed by Zebulon Foster Deceased and now owned by the Illinois Central Rail Road Company through the west half of said South East quarter of said Section Ten (10)



In witness whereof the said Edward Foster & Sarah Foster William Crider & Rachel Crider James J Fleming & Harriet Fleming George T Bell and Eliza W Bell & William Foster & Carrie E Foster have hereunto set their hands and seals this 17th day of December AD. 1890

Edward Foster (seal) John J Fleming (seal)

Sarah A Foster (seal) Harriet Fleming (seal)

William B Crider (seal) Eliza W Bell (seal)

Rachel Crider (seal) Geo T Bell (seal)

State of Indiana Warren County SS:

Before me C W Osburn a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and state personally appeared Eliza W Bell and George T Bell and acknowledged the execution of the within warranty Deed to be their voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of January 1891

C W Osburn (seal)

Justice of the Peace

State of Illinois Iroquois County ss:

I Isaac Amerman a Notary Public in and for said County in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that William B Crider and Rachel Crider his wife John J Fleming and Harriet Fleming his wife who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed deed appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they had signed sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed

Given under my hand and Notarial seal this seventeenth day of December A.D. 1890

Isaac Amerman (ss)N.P.

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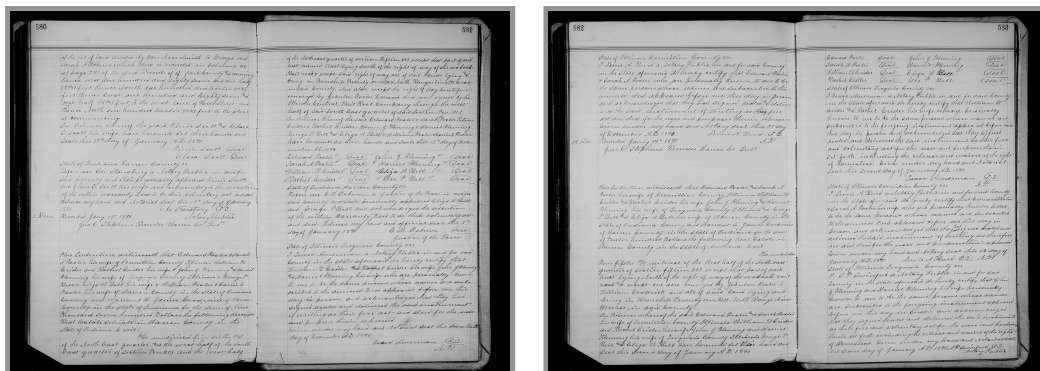
State of Illinois Vermillion County SS

I Lewis A Burd a Notary yPublic in and for said County in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that Edward Foster & Sarah A Foster who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed deed appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they had signed sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed Given under my hand and notary seal this 31 day of December A.D. 1890 Lewis A B[rud] SS N.P.

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Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071890. Edward Foster et al, 17 Dec 1890 43: 580; digitized images, Family Search



Then on page 582 (image above) of the same volume is another deed involving the parcel of land for which William Foster sold his share to his siblings. This deed of sale does not include Mary Foster Crawford's share.

Warren County Indiana  
Deeds Vol. 43 page 582

This Indenture witnesseth that **Edward Foster** and Sarah A Foster his wife of Vermillion County Illinois William B Crider and **Rachel Crider** his wife John J Fleming and **Harriet Fleming** his wife of Iroquois County Illinois and George T Bell and **Eliza W Bell** his wife of Warren County in the State of Indiana Convey and Warrant to James Goodwine of Warren County in the State of Indiana for the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars the following Real Estate in Warren County in the State of Indiana to wit  
*The undivided  
Four fifth 4/5 interest of the West half of the Northeast quarter of section fifteen (15) except that part of said tract lying North of the right of way of the Wabash rail road and except one acre conveyed by Zebulon Foster to William Goodrick and all of said land lying and being in township twenty one (21) North Range nine (9) west in said County*

In witness whereof the said Edward Foster and Sarah Foster his wife of Vermillion County Illinois William B Crider and Rachel Crider his wife John J Fleming and Harriet Fleming his wife of Iroquois County Illinois George T Bell and Eliza W Bell have hereunto set their hand and seal this second day of January AD 1891

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Edward Foster (seal) John J Fleming (seal)  
Sarah A Foster (seal) Harriet Fleming (seal)  
William B Crider (seal) Eliza W Bell (seal)  
Rachel Crider (seal) Geo T Bell (seal)

State of Illinois Iroquois County SS

I Isaac Amerman a Notary Public in and for said County in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that William B Crider and Rachel Crider his wife who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead. Given under my hand and Notarial seal this second day of January A.D. 1891

Isaac Amerman (SS) N.P.

State of Illinois Vermilion County SS

I Lewis A Burd a Notary Public in and for said county in the State aforesaid doe hereby certify that Edward Foster & Sarah A Foster his wife who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed deed appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they had signed sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed Given under my hand and Notary seal this 12 day of January A.D. 1891 Lewis A Burd (ss) N.P.

State of Illinois Iroquois County SS

I S F Swinford a Notary Public in and for said County in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that John J Fleming and Harriet Fleming his wife personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth including the release and waiver of the rights of Homestead. given under my hand and Notary seal this second day of January AD 1891 S F Swinford (ss) Notary Public

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State of Indiana Warren County ss

Before me C W Osburn a Justice of the Peace in and for said County this 12th day of January 1891 personally appeared Eliza W Bell and George T Bell her husband and acknowledged the execution of hte annexed deed Witness my hand and official seal

C W Osburn JP (seal)

Recorded Jany 14 1891

Jno Stephens Recorder Warren Co Inda

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071890. Edward Foster et al, 2 Jan 1891 Vol 43: page 582; digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 16 May 2022.

Then in December 1890, Mary Foster Crawford begins selling her share in two parcels of land. The first deed is recorded on page 584 of volume 43 in Warren County, Indiana. This particular deed identifies Mary Crawford's father, Zebulon. Although the deed refers to Mary Crawford as 'unmarried' the statement by the Probate Judge acknowledges that she is a widow.

Warren County Indiana  
Deeds Vol. 43 page 584

This Indenture witnesseth that **Mary Crawford** (unmarried) of Ford County in the State of Kansas Convey and warrant to James Goodwine of Warren County in the State of Indiana for the sum of nineteen hundred dollars the following described Real Estate situate in Warren County in the State of Indiana to wit:

*The undivided one sixth 1/6 interest to the North East quarter and the West half of the South east quarter of section Ten (10) and the west half of the North east quarter of section fifteen (15) except that part of said last named tract lying south of the right of way of the Wabash Rail road and except said right of way, and all of said lands lying and being in Township Twenty one (21) North Range nine (9) west in said County and also except the right of way heretofore **conveyed by Zebulon Foster (my Father)** and owned by the Illinois Central Rail Road crossing through the west half of the South East quarter of said section Ten (10)*

In Witness whereof the said Mary Crawford (unmarried) has hereunto set her hand and seal this 26th day of December A.D. 1890

Mary Crawford (seal)

State of Kansas Ford County ss

Before me D W Moffitt a Probate Judge and Ex officio

Clerk in and for said county and state personally

appeared **Mary Crawford a widow** and acknowledged the execution of the within warranty deed to be her voluntary act and deed

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Witness my hand and official seal this 26th day of December 1890

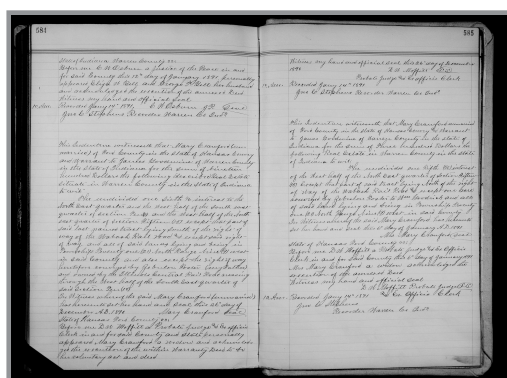
D W Moffitt (ss)

Probate Judge and Ex Officio Clerk

Recorded Jany 14 1891

Jno C Stephens Recorder Warren Co Ind

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071890. Mary Crawford, 26 Dec 1890 vol. 43: page 584; digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 16 May 2022.



Then on page 585 of the same volume is a deed for Mary Crawford's sale of the second parcel of land.

Warren County Indiana  
Deeds Vol. 43 page 585

This Indenture witnesseth that **Mary Crawford** unmarried of Ford County in the State of Kansas Convey and Warrant to James Goodwine of Warren County in the State of Indiana for the sum of Three hundred Dollars the following Real Estate in Warren County in the state of Indiana to wit

*The undivided one fifth (1/5) interest of the west half of the north east quarter of section fifteen (15) except that part of said tract lying North of the right of way of the Wabash Rail Road and except one acre conveyed by Zebulon Foster to Wm Goodrick and all of said land lying and being in Township Twenty one (21) North Range Nine (9) west in said County*

In witness whereof the said Mary Crawford has hereunto set her hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1891

**Mrs Mary Crawford** (seal)

State of Kansas Ford County ss

Before me D W Moffitt a Probate Judge and Ex Officio Clerk in and for said County this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1891

**Mrs Mary Crawford a widow** acknowledged the

execution of the annexed deed

Witness my hand and official seal

D W Moffitt Probate Judge (ss)

and Ex Officio Clerk

Recorded Jan'y 14 1891

Jno C Stephens

Recorder Warren Co Inda

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977704 DGS 8071890. Mary Crawford, 6 Jan 1891 vol 43: page 585; digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 16 May 2022.

Not only do these deeds identify the children in the family, but they identify most of the

spouses along with where they were living in 1890.

# Friday Finds

Friday, June 03, 2022

1840 Crawford Duff Deed

Garrard County Kentucky

Deeds Vol. N page 406

No 1387 James & John Crawford to Wm W Duff

This Indenture made and entered into this 13th day of May in the year 1840 between **James Crawford & John Crawford**, *sons of Isaac Crawford, who was a son-in-law of Jacob Miller, decd* of the County of Garrard & State of Kentucky of their part, and William Duff of the sd County & State of the other part, witness eth that sd James Crawford & John Crawford for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five dollars each to them in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have sold and by these presents do convey tot he sd Duff, ***all the right, title and Interest they held in a tract or parcel of land containing 197 1/2 acres lying In Garrard Cty Ky on the waters of Paint Lick and being the same on which their ancestor Jacob Miller died and from whence sd interest descended being the one sixth of one eleventh of said land to each James and John Crawford supposed to be sixth acres*** to the said Duff, his heirs [p] and the said James and John Crawford by these presents covenant and agree to and with said Duff that they will warrant and forever defend the title, the interest aforesaid free and discharged of all right, Interest, claims or demand of themselves their heirs or assigns and from the claim or claims of all and every other person or persons whatever to the sd Duff, his heirs absolutely.  
In testimony whereof the parties of the first part have hereunto st their hands and seals the date afsd  
James A Crawford (seal)  
John Crawford (seal)

State of Kentucky

Garrard County

I certify that this deed form James

A Crawford and John Crawford to William W Duff was produced to me in my office on the 13th day of May 1840 and acknowledged by the said James A and John Crawford to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

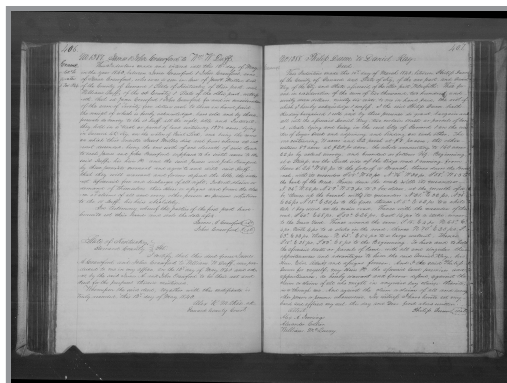
Whereupon the said deed, together with this certificate is truly recorded this 13th day of May 1840

Alex R McKee ck

Garrard County Court

Kentucky, Garrard. Book of Deeds. Film #183247 DGS 8568105. John and James Crawford, 13 May 1840 Book N: page 406; digital images, Family Search





# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, June 04, 2022

## 1940 Draft List

*Continued*

The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)  
November 28, 1940  
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Draft Order  
(Official List Continued)

251 Henry John Rethman  
252 Mayo Gerald Long  
253 Delbert Anthony Stowell  
254 James Craig  
255 Nelson Garner Beard  
256 Joseph Andrew Baker  
257 Arthur John Beyer  
258 Charley Louis Pittinger Jr  
259 Bernard Seyert Brack  
260 Glen Loyd Heiser  
261 George Arthur Sausser  
262 Nelson Gerald Torrey  
263 John Eugene Snodgrass  
264 Simon Anthony Roeder  
265 Wilbur Earl Hartter  
266 Walter E. Walkington  
267 Albert John Boeckman  
268 Donald Edward Dandliker  
269 John Wendell Tyler  
270 Alvin Harry Herrmann  
271 Norbert Earl Hoffman  
272 Wilbur Moore  
273 Charles Francis McMahon  
274 Weldon Wesley Kendall  
275 Lowell Marsh Allison  
276 James Edward Sheik  
277 Henry Joseph Macke Jr  
278 Clarence Eugene Gerber  
279 Albert John Ronnebaum  
280 Chester W. Havley  
281 Louis Menold  
282 Kenneth L Armstrong  
282 Kenneth Nelson Joiner  
284 Victor F. Buser  
285 Joseph John Burdick  
286 Garrett F. Culhan Jr  
287 Harold Bishop Ham

288 Joseph C. Hunninghake  
289 Milburn Burton Stout  
290 Virgil H. R. Sires  
291 Virgil William Schooler  
292 Milan Wilbur Ott  
293 Willis Wilfred Walters  
294 Roy Kenneth Aldefer  
295 (Duplicate and Cancelled)  
296 William Thomas White  
297 Frank Charles Alexander  
298 August Joseph Glissman  
299 Wilbur Lyle Wood

# Drafted

Sunday, June 05, 2022

Have you ever had to set aside your genealogy goals because someone asked you to help with a different historical project? Well, I have been 'drafted' to help with a project for Nemaha Central High School (formerly Nemaha Valley High School).

The high school recently acquired a device called a 'digital trophy case'. One of the 2022 senior projects created content regarding the sports history of Nemaha Central High School (fall of 2014 to present). As the teacher in charge of senior projects, Cathy Enneking, was not only aware of the content on the device but also of its potential.

Earlier in her career, Cathy created a power point presentation about the history of the school district that she used as a demo in her Oral Communications classes prior to the students creating and giving their own presentations. Thanks to Cathy's interest in the history of the school and her knowledge about the digital trophy case, she sought and received permission to develop historical content for the device.

Knowing that I had had students create web sites for Nemaha Valley athletics from the yearbook content, Cathy asked if I would be willing to help create this content. The first goal was to create the 'endpoints' or an outline for the content. It was decided to group the content under 4 major topics:

- Athletics
- Organizations
- Academics
- History

For each school, the HISTORY tab will lead to the schools that merged to form a new school. Thus, the HISTORY tab for Nemaha Central will break down to Nemaha Valley and B&B. Since both Nemaha Valley and B&B are the result of consolidation in the late 1960s. They will also have a history tab.

The Nemaha Valley history tab will break down to

- Seneca Public High School
- Sts. Peter and Paul High School
- Kelly High School
- Oneida High School

The B&B history tab will break down to

- Baileyville High School
- St. Benedict High School

For each school, we will be working to develop the ACADEMIC tab. Our current goal for each school's ACADEMICS tab is to add

- Yearbooks
- Senior Panels

Thus, we are on a 'quest' to locate a complete set of yearbooks for each of these high schools along with any existing senior panels and hopefully get them digitized.

Thanks to OCI Digital Imaging Service, we have a complete set of digitized yearbooks for

Nemaha Valley and quite a few digitized yearbooks for Seneca Public High School and B&B High School.

Since Nemaha Valley started requiring each senior class to have their panel professionally photographed, we have DVDs and negatives for some of the Nemaha Valley panels. However, we will need to get the remaining Nemaha Valley panels photographed along with the B&B panels and any existing panels from the other schools.

Not only have I been 'drafted' but I am hoping to 'draft' others to help with this project! So, if you live in the Seneca area, help is currently needed to

- locate older yearbooks for the various schools
- photograph existing senior panels

If you can help with this project, please contact Cathy.

Otherwise, take time while in Nemaha Central High School this fall to check out the digital trophy case.

# Missing Deeds

Monday, June 06, 2022

Recently, Michael John Neill posted a 'Genealogy Tip of the Day' to Account for Every Acre. With my Zebulon Foster research in Warren County, Indiana this is proving to be difficult. First, I'm not exactly sure what land he owned.

Zebulon Foster was not an original land owner in Warren County, Indiana. He is listed as a grantee in the deed indexes. That reference is for a Will in a Deed Book. The will indicates that Zebulon inherits all of his father's Land on the Wabash. Thus, I started looking for Richard Foster and found him as an original land owner.

Section	Owner	Year
1	NIXON Joshua	1834
2	STUFFLEBEAM John E	1837
3	GOODWINE James	1831
4	FRAME Samuel	1830
5	FRAME Samuel	1831
6	KENT John K	1837
7	PURVIANCE Eleazer	1830
8	FLEMING Andrew	1828
9	PRINGLE Robert	1831
10	MURPHY John J	1831
11	TUFFLEBEAM John E	1829
12	FOSTER Richard	1829
13	MCQUEEN Uriah	1828
14	GOODWINE James	1829
15	FLEMING Peter	1829
16	FLEMING Peter	1828
17	FLEMING Peter	1829
18	PRINGLE Robert	1831
19	M NIXON Benjamin	1831
20	NIXON Benjamin E	1830
21	FOSTER Richard	1829
22	MCQUEEN Uriah	1828
23	MCQUEEN Uriah	1828
24	JOYER Moses	1828
25	HALL Calvin	1829
26	HALE Calvin	1831
27	FLEMING Peter	1829
28	PRINGLE Robert	1831
29	TUFFLEBEAMUSGRAVE Michael	1830
30	FOSTER Richard	1830
31	STUFFLEBEAM John E	1829
32	FOSTER Richard	1830
33	STUFFLEBEAM Abigail	1831
34	FRAME Caleb	1830
35	FRAME Samuel	1830
36	PRINGLE Robert	1831

Assuming that Zebulon inherited at least some of the land patented by his father, Richard Foster, I started looking for Zebulon as a grantor. I found several deeds where Zebulon and his wife Caroline sold off portions of the land in the NW 1/4 of section 14 and one deed for railroad right of way in section 15.

Zebulon sold to John Stufflebeam land being part of W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 14 Township 21 N Range 9 West on 8 Jan 1853 in Warren County, Indiana.

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977056 DGS 8071881. Zebulon Foster, 8 Jan 1853 Vol. 14: page 260 (image 163); digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 4 April 2022.

He sold land to the Lake Erie Wabash and St. Louis Railroad company being a part of the NE 1/4 of Section Number (15) in township in Jan 1854 in Warren County, Indiana.

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977056 DGS 8071881. Zebulon Foster, January 1854 Vol. 14: page 347 (image 207); digitized images, Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 4 April 2022.

Zebulon sold to James Howard land being 9 1/2 acres in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 14 township 21 North range 9 west on 24 Jan 1854 in Warren County, Indiana.

Indiana, Warren. Deed Records, 1827-1901. Film #1977056 DGS 8071881. Zebulon





parcels. Unfortunately, I do not have deeds showing the transfer of all of this land by Zebulon Foster to others or to his children. Thus, I need to do the following:

- Continue searching Warren County Indiana deed indexes for deeds by Zebulon Foster, his widow Juliet or his children: William Foster, Edward Foster, Eliza Bell, Hattie Fleming, Rachel Crider and Mary Crawford
- Locate the foreclosure court case dated 22 Dec 1885
- Research the name changes for the railroads to determine whether I need to locate more deeds for railroad right of way
- Search deed records for the counties where the children lived to see if a Warren County deed was recorded in their locality.
- Search Probate records for clues to the distribution of this land
- Identify the grandchildren and search deeds for their names to see if they inherited any of this land.

By creating my own 'range index' I have a better view of what I have been able to verify about the ownership of this land as well as where I'm missing information.

# Mary Parker Birthday

Tuesday, June 07, 2022

Have you ever tried working Ancestry hints for cousin from the late 1800s and realize that you don't know enough about the family to decide whether the hint is for the cousin or for someone else entirely? That was my situation when researching the children of Benjamin Franklin Wells (1819-1891) of Michigan.

I had identified a daughter, Mary Alice Wells, who was married to a M. G. Parker with a son named Frank. I didn't have much beyond census records placing her in her father's household and a reference from the Portrait and Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, that identifies Alice as a daughter of Benjamin F. Wells and wife of M. G. Parker.

In an attempt to learn more about Mary Alice Wells Parker, I turned to FamilySearch where I found a death date that conflicted with the suggested hints. Thus, I needed to locate sources that would answer the question, "which set of dates is correct?"

Since the FamilySearch tree had a death date and place for Daniel Parker, Mary Alice Wells Parker's son, I decided to try to find an obituary to begin to piece the family together. I was able to find an obituary in the 30 July 1947 issue of the Chicago Tribune.

Parker – Daniel F. Parker, 7000 Stewart avenue, beloved husband of Josephine Meleczka Parker, fond **son of the late Mary Alice Parker**. Member of Concord lodge, No. 917, A.F. & A. M.; square post, No 332, American Legion, and division 241, Street Railway union. Resting at funeral home, 6915 Wentworth avenue. Masonic services Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Funeral Friday, 2 p.m. Interment Cedar Park

"Parker," Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL), 30 July 1947, page 28; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 15 May 2022).

Even though this obituary verified Daniel's death, it really doesn't provide any information to tie Daniel Parker to my WELLS line. Thus, I tried to locate an obituary for Mary Alice Parker. Unfortunately, I've yet to find an obituary. However, I found an article written about her life in celebration of her 91st birthday in the 17 Nov 1940 issue of the Chicago Tribune.

Modern Scene Changes Fast When You're 91  
Mrs. Mary Parker Looks Back thru Years

When a lifetime becomes 91 years long its thread, winding thru nine decades, becomes a history lesson. Wars and inventions, political trends and industrial progress live again in the record of many birthdays. Mrs. Mary Parker of 7018 Stewart avenue turned 91 recently, and as her friends came paying anniversary calls and bearing remembrances, Mrs. Parker indulged in looking backward.

As a child on her father's farm in Michigan, Mrs. Parker used to listen to **her grandfather, Lewis Benham**, tell of his experiences as a soldier in the war of 1812. As a young girl, she heard stories of the civil war from neighbors whose sons had marched off with the Union forces. She was a middle aged seamstress, mother of a boy, and living on Chicago's south side when Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough riders went to Cuba in the Spanish-American war in 1898.

## Sees Own Son in war

And when the United States entered the world war in 1917, Mrs. Parker watched her own son march away.

"Yes, times have changed," Mrs. Parker say, "but I suppose every old person says that. My goodness things happen so rapidly, a body could say that every week I guess it'd be all right to say it every day from the way the papers look lately."

Newspapers are Mrs. Parker's major interest now. She reads three a day, without glasses. She did household mending and worked on rugs until five years ago, but now, she says "I just sit and hold my hands."

Mrs. Parker lived thru the time when a great deal of commercial clothing was made by women working in their homes. Mrs. Parker made corset covers and dressing sacks, items of feminine apparel that flourished in the days before glamor invaded the lingerie industry.

## Recalls Farm Days

Altho a Chicagoan for half a century, Mrs. Parker recalls the days on a Michigan farm as the happiest ones. Her parents had five sons younger than their only daughter.

"We didn't have to ask any favors from anybody," Mrs. Parker recalls.

Mrs. Parker's son, Frank, a widower lives with his mother. He has been a conductor for the Chicago Surface Lines for 37 years. He served on the horse cars and on the cable cars. He was conductor on the last cable car to roll into the barns at 39th street and Cottage Grove avenue.

"Modern Scene Changes Fast When You're 91," Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL), 17 November 1940, page 13; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 19 May 2022).

While the above article does not mention the WELLS surname, it does contain clues that do tie this Mary Alice Parker to the Benjamin Franklin Wells family. While the references to growing up on a farm in Michigan provides a hint to this tie, it is the mention of her grandfather, Lewis Benham, that provides the tie. Benjamin F. Wells' first wife was Anna Mariah Benham, daughter of Lewis Benham. This one little clue helps me have confidence that the Mary Alice Parker of Chicago is the same person as Mary Alice Wells, daughter of Benjamin F. Wells.



# Zebulon Foster

Wednesday, June 08, 2022

**Zebulon Foster** was born on 19 Aug 1808 in Pike, Ohio, United States. 1 – 8

He was the child of Rachel Browning and Richard Foster. 6 , 8

He lived in Warren County, Indiana about 1830. 9

In 1831, Zebulon was granted all lands held by Richard Foster on the waters of the Wabash in Richard Foster's will. 10

He lived in Warren County, Indiana in 1832. 11

He married Caroline Ostrander on 14 Feb 1833 in Pike, Ohio, United States. 2 , 5 – 6 , 8 , 12 – 17

On 20 Nov 1833, Edward Foster was born in Warren County, Indiana. 8 , 18

He lived in Washington Township, Warren County, Indiana in 1836. 19

Zebulon was among first members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1837 in Warren, Indiana, United States. 20

On 20 May 1837, Rachel Foster was born in Indiana, United States. 8 , 18

He lived in Warren County, Ohio in 1840. 21

In 1840, Eliza W. Foster was born in West Lebanon, Indiana. 8 , 22

On 28 Aug 1842, Mary Foster was born in West Lebanon, Indiana. 8 , 23

In Jun 1846, William F. Foster was born in Indiana, United States. 8

On 14 Oct 1848, Harriet Foster was born in West Lebanon, Indiana. 8 , 24

He lived in Pike Township, Warren County, Indiana on 1 Jul 1850. 18

Zebulon sold to John Stufflebeam land being part of W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 14 Township 21 N Range 9 West on 8 Jan 1853 in Warren County, Indiana. 25

He was witness of the will of Thomas Johnson on 15 Jul 1853 in Warren, Indiana, United States. 26

He sold land to the Lake Erie Wabash and St. Louis Railroad company being a part of the NE 1/4 of Section Number (15) in township in Jan 1854 in Warren County, Indiana. 27

Zebulon sold to James Howard land being 9 1/2 acres in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 14 township 21 North range 9 west on 24 Jan 1854 in Warren County, Indiana. 28

He sold land to George Pence land being part of lot 1 in the West half of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 Township 21 Range 9 on 7 Feb 1854 in Warren County, Indiana. 29

He sold land to Francis Wheeler being lot 4 in the NW division to the town of Lebanon on 23 May 1854 in Warren County, Indiana. 30

Zebulon sold to David Evans land being part of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 14 township 21 north of range 9 on 4 Aug 1854 in Warren County, Indiana. 31

He lived in Pike Township, Warren County, Indiana on 1 Jul 1860. 32

He was listed on the tax rolls in 1865 in Pike Township, Warren, Indiana, United States. 33

Zebulon lived in Medina Township, Warren County, Ohio on 23 Jun 1870. 34

He married Juliet Fleming on 31 Aug 1876 in Warren County, Indiana. 2 – 3 , 5 , 14 , 35 – 37

He lived in Pike Township, Warren County, Indiana in 1880. 38

He was a member of the Republican Party. 3

Zebulon celebrated his 75th birthday in 1883 in Warren, Indiana, United States. 39

He celebrated his 80th birthday on 19 Aug 1888 in Warren, Indiana, United States. 11

He died on 5 Sep 1889 at the age of 81 in Warren County, Indiana. 7 , 40 – 41

Zebulon was buried after 5 Sep 1889 at Redwood Cemetery in Warren County, Indiana. 7 , 40

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# Census Sources

Thursday, June 09, 2022

Do you consistently use Ancestry to access census records? Or, do you at times use FamilySearch or other sites? I have to admit that I rarely venture out of Ancestry to update my census research. However, I have heard other researchers recommend looking at a census record from different sources.

While updating my source citations for Mary Wells, daughter of Benjamin Franklin Wells, I was looking for her in the 1870 census. Since Mary wasn't listed with her father's family, I pulled up my old notes to try and figure out where she was living.

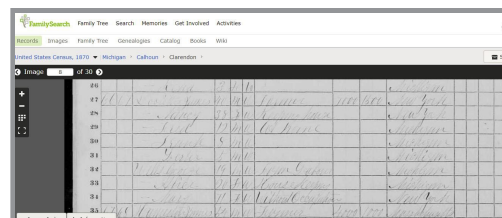
This information combined with a search for Alice Wells living in Calhoun, Michigan helped me do a simple search of the 1870 census record.

Unfortunately, when I opened the image for the household containing Alice and George Wells, the census record was barely legible.

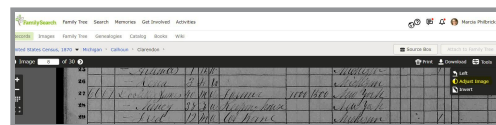
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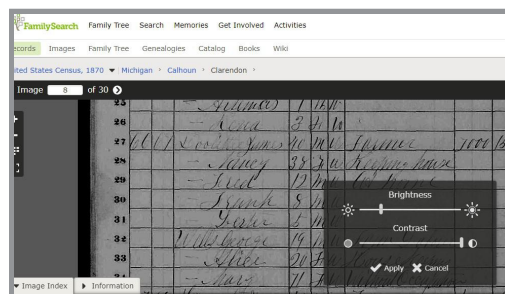
That's when I remembered the advice to check other sources for census records. When I located the Doolittle / Wells household on FamilySearch site, I found a version that is slightly easier to read.



However, the FamilySearch site has a tool that Ancestry doesn't.



This ADJUST IMAGE tool allows one to change the brightness and contrast. When I played with those settings, I was able to make the image more legible.



Now, I understand why professional researchers suggest looking at census records on multiple sources. If I had not looked at other sources for the census record, I would not have found a legible version that supports my handwritten notes.

# Friday Finds

Friday, June 10, 2022

## George Mentzer Biography

As I'm going thru source citations for Phillip A. Mentzer, I found a vague reference to a Mentzer biography buried in my files. Based on the information in the biography, it was likely written between 1895 and 1902. The author of the biography is unknown to me.

The Veteran soldier who risked his life in defense of the flag, all things else being equal, takes high rank as a citizen. This may be partly because of the quality of the patriotism of the American public, but there is another reason for the preeminence of the veteran. The man who has the form of character to win distinction as a faithful defender of his country possesses the resourceful perseverance so necessary to success in other fields, and this is abundantly verified in the life of George Mentzer, who loyally followed the starry banner during the Civil war and is now one of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of Woodson county, where he has made his home since 1869.

A native of Stowe, Massachusetts, he was born June 12, 1838, and is a son of Phillip A. and Orinda (Miles) Mentzer. The father, a native of Germany, died in Massachusetts in 1844, and his widow was buried by the side of her husband on the old home place in the Bay state. They had ten children, but only three are now living; Rufus, of Ft. Morgan, Colorado, Mrs. Sarah A. Green of Boston, Massachusetts and George of this review.

The last named was reared in his native village until sixteen years of age, when he emigrated to Illinois and became a farm hand, being employed in that capacity for about two years. He then went to Chicago, where he secured a situation as clerk in a grocery store, also acting as assistant in a butchering establishment. Upon leaving the city he returned to Massachusetts to visit his mother and while there he learned the trade of a comb maker, the combs being manufactured from the horns of cattle. He also improved his literary education by attending school. He was still in his native state when the Civil war broke out and there he enlisted as a member of Company C. Twenty-fourth Massachusetts infantry, which was sent to Annapolis and on to North Carolina and thence to South Carolina, being discharged in front of Petersburg, Virginia. Among the important engagements in which he participated were the battles of Roanoke Island, Newberne, White Hall Goldsboro, Kingston, Bermuda Hundred and Petersburg. He did duty in front of the Rebel fort which was blown up by a Pennsylvania regiment. In all of his three years' service he was never wounded, but was always found at his post of duty faithfully detending the starry banner—the emblem of an undivided union.

When the war was ended Mr. Mentzer returned to Massachusetts and spent the succeeding winter in Boston, after which he turned his attention to farming. He then again made his way to Illinois, where, prior to the war, he had aided in establishing the first hotel in Kewanee. He remained a resident of Henry county and was engaged in the butchering business until 1869, when he came to Woodson County, Kansas, settling on section six. Center township, where he has since made his home, his labors being given to the improvement of his farm. He now has a rich tract of land, the alluvial soil yielding good harvests for the work bestowed upon it.

In Henry county, Illinois, Mr. Mentzer was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Minnick, a daughter of John Minnick, a Pennsylvania German, who had a family of five daughters

and one son. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer was celebrated on the 1st of January, 1867, and they are now the parents of eight children, as follows: Charles O. who married Nettie Wells; John F. who married Anna Wells; Susie May; Henry A.; Phillip E. who is now a student of the State Agricultural College of Kansas; Ernest E.; Clara E. and Clarence A. Although the Mentzer family have usually been Republicans, George Mentzer cast his first presidential vote for the Democratic nominee in 1860, and is now a Prohibitionist. He believes most firmly in the abolishment of the liquor traffic through acts of legislation, and he is the type of citizens who support all measures to advance the moral welfare of the community.

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# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, June 11, 2022

## 1940 Draft List

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(Official List Continued)

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301 Byron Augustus Yost  
302 Albert Harold McCaffrey  
303 Samuel Edward Hunzeker  
304 Forrest Elwin Spiker  
305 Andrew Philip Huerter  
306 Ross Silvester Nickell  
307 George William Clark  
308 Louis Bomface Grollmes  
309 Valentine M. Fangman  
310 Harry Edward McCabe Jr  
311 Gilbert John Berger  
312 John Leonard Smith  
313 Alfred Junior Molineux  
314 Kenneth LeRoy Gernand  
315 Roy Benny Rokey  
316 Louis Alphonse Buessing  
317 Arthur Lawrence Bergman  
318 Lawrence William Savage  
319 John Olof Bentson  
320 Lawrence August Haverkamp  
321 Reuben Rudolph Locher  
322 Aloysius Bernard Tangeman  
323 Murray Orvie Thompson  
324 Clarence Galen Freeel  
325 Wilfred Joseph Broxterman  
326 Kenneth Oliver Hollenbeck  
327 Ocel Huff Brammer  
328 Samuel Newton Robbins  
329 John Theodore Barnes  
330 Arnold James Miller  
331 John Richard Moore  
332 Wilbur Brouhard  
333 Sylvester John Kongs  
334 Wilfred Bernard Kramer  
335 Carl Adolph Lortscher  
336 Lyle Allen Springer

337 Mac David Bowen  
339 Howard Emmett O'Connor  
340 Lester Eugene Noble  
341 Albert Joseph Schmits Jr  
342 Lester Arvene Webster  
343 Melvin Milo Most  
344 Alvin Henry Hoch  
345 Raymond Leonard Mooney  
346 Daniel Francis Mitchell  
347 Lloyd Noah Cooley  
348 James Frank Wilson  
349 Kenneth Joseph Dick

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, June 12, 2022

**It's Saturday Night –  
time for more Genealogy Fun!**



Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

**1) What genealogy search/research did you do last week? Did you have a research goal or plan? Tell us about one or more search/research session.**

Welcome back Randy! I am very thankful that your surgery was successful and that your recovery is going smoothly. For those who are unaware, Randy Seaver of Genea-Musings shares these blogging prompts every Saturday evening. Randy's favorite hobby of genealogy was interrupted when he needed open heart surgery.

While Randy is receiving care at home for his continued recovery, his time spent in front of his desktop computer is limited. Like Randy, I like to be in front of my desktop computer to do serious research. While I like having the portability of my laptop for travel, I find that I don't like to use it in my living room for two reasons: access to files and screen space.

I know that I could store all of my genealogy files on a portable hard drive that I could use on both my desktop and my laptop. I could even use the software, Second Copy, to copy those files to my desktop overnight so they could automatically get backed up in the cloud.

I haven't pursued the portable drive idea because I still have the screen size issue to deal with. If I was in Randy's situation where I had to spend time away from a desk, I would likely think about a long HDMI cable to connect my laptop to our television. I would also have my husband scrounge the house for a small monitor that could be turned into a living room TV so that I could still watch TV while using the big screen as a computer monitor.



Getting back to the 'Saturday Night Genealogy Fun' challenge, I have to admit I don't keep a log of my research. Thus, I'm relying on my memory for this post.

One of my goals for 2022 was to finish researching descendants of my 3rd great grandparents. I'm happy to report that I'm working on the last great-great-great-grandfather, Ozias Wells. Most of my recent work on this goal has been the children, grandchildren, etc. of Ozias' third child, William Wallace Wells (1823-1907). This research is time consuming but I hope that it helps identify DNA cousins.

During the past week I watched several genealogy videos on YouTube. One of those was Genealogy TV's recent video, Ancestry ThruLines: How to Use It for Your Family History. While I had worked with my ThruLines matches before, watching this video prompted me to take another look at my George MENTZER ThruLines to see if I could identify any new cousins. I concentrated on my MENTZER line because I will be meeting some of those third cousins at a reunion next week.

In preparation for that reunion, I also spent time going thru family pictures to find the ones I wanted to take with me to the reunion. Although I contemplated printing reports or previous blog posts, I doubt that I will do so. Instead, I'm thinking about creating a "business card" with my Facebook name, Ancestry user name, tree name and the URL of my blog. This would allow them to access the family information I've shared online at their leisure.

Since I will be traveling for the reunion and other events this next week, I've also been writing blog posts and scheduling them to be published for the next week and into the following week. Thus, I can keep my blog updated and enjoy my time away.

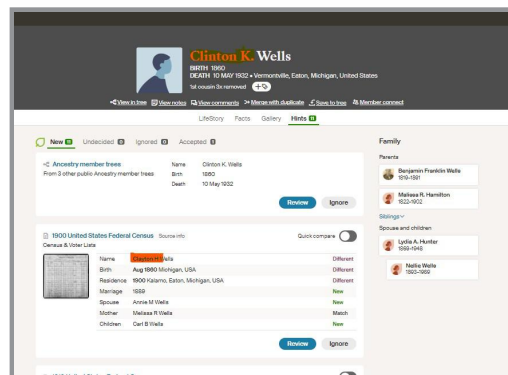
That's my week — mostly plodding along updating research. How about you? Did you have any major breakthroughs this past week?

# Pay Attention

Monday, June 13, 2022

Do you have twins somewhere in your tree with similar names? If so, have you encountered issues with the hinting systems suggesting hints for the opposite twin?

As I was researching my WELLS line in Michigan, I ran into this situation recently. I was updating my research of Benjamin Wells children, including twins Clinton and Clayton by his second wife. I started working with Clinton and was about to accept a hint when I realized the hint was for Clayton. When I browsed down the page of suggested hints, all of Clinton's hints were for Clayton.



Ancestry hints for Clinton Wells — but hints are actually for Clayton Wells

Since it has been a few years since I've worked on this branch of the family, my first thought was that I had a mistake. However, after rechecking the census records for the father's household, I was able to verify that there are indeed two sons named Clinton and Clayton. Below is a screen shot from the 1870 Eaton County Michigan census for the household.

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1870 U.S. Census, Eaton County Michigan, population schedule, Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan, page 34, family 283, Wells, Benjamin; digital image, Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) : viewed online 16 December 2020); NARA microfilm publication T132.

Below is a screen shot from the 1880 Eaton County Michigan census for the household.





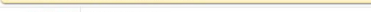



# Massachusetts Deeds


Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Do you have citations from your early days of research that would be considered 'inaccurate' and/or 'incomplete' by today's standards? I have to admit that I likely have quite a few such citations. That's one of the reasons my goals for 2022 include going back thru my third great-grandparents to update any 'bad' citations.

As I was going thru the narrative report for Phillip Andrew Mentzer, I ran across a great example of one of those citations.

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Fortunately, this poorly written citation contains enough information to locate the actual source. And fortunately, the referenced grantee index is available on FamilySearch. Thus, I was able to locate the information referenced in my file.


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


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Since FamilySearch has digitized many of the Record Books from the Middlesex County (MA) Registry of Deeds, I was able to expand this early research to compile a list of the MENTZER family names found in the grantor and grantee indexes.

Image 481

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1835 Apl 22 Philip A from J. Brown book 340 page 342

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 1850 Orinda & al to Fitchburg R R Co. book 578 page 136  
 1847 Philip A's Admr to C.L. Mentzer Book 507 page 279  
 1849 Rufus & als Gdn to A. Maynard book 549 page 507  
 1849 Rufus & als Gdn to Fitchburg R R Co book 574 page 252  
 1850 Rufus & als Gdn to Fitchburg R R Co book 578 page 136  
 1850 Sarah Gdn & Al to Fitchburg R R Co Book 578 page 136  
 1849 Sarah A to A. Maynard book 549 page 507

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1849 Sara A & al to Fitchburg RR Co book 574 page 252  
 1848 William A to C. L. Mentzer book 544 page 109  
 1849 William A & al to Fitchburg RR Co book 574 page 252  
 1850 William A & al to Fitchburg RR Co book 578 page 136

Massachusetts, Middlesex County. Grantor Index, I-M 1847-1859. Film #514120 DGS 7445251. Mentzer, 1849 : page 261-262 (Image 456-457); digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 4 June 2022.

Thus, this one 'bad' citation led me to quite a few deeds for my MENTZER relatives in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. While I have yet to obtain all of these deeds, let alone cite and transcribe them, I have worked with one deed that identifies the children of my ancestor, Phillip Mentzer.

Image 433 – page 252

Book 574 page 252

Mentzer et al to Fitchburg R. R. Co.

Know all men by these presents  
 that we, *Wm a. Mentzer, Cyrus Mentzer, Charles I Mentzer, John Mentzer, Rufus Mentzer, and Sarah & George Mentzer, minors by Cyrus Mentzer guardian*, to the said George and Sarah, a *ll heirs at law of Phillip . Mentzer, late of Stow in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts deceased*, in consideration of one hundred dollars to us paid by the Fitchburg R.R. Co. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do, by these presents, give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Fitchburg R.R. Co., their successors and assigns, a certain tract or [messuage] of land situated in said Stow the same being a part of the real estate form-

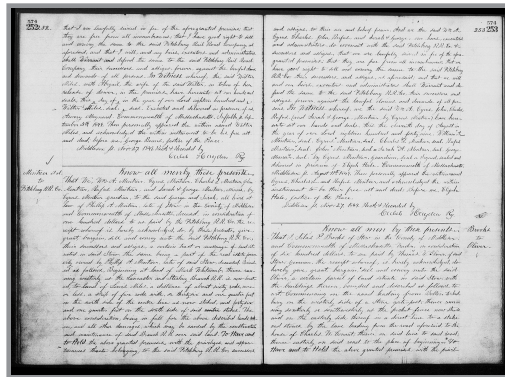
erly owned by Phillip A. Mentzer, late of said Stow, deceased. Bound-ed as follows, Beginning at land of Mark Whitcomb, thence run-ning westerly as the Lancaster and Sterling Branch R.R. is now locat-ed, to land of Lewis Miles, a distance of about sixty rods, more or less, a strip of five rods wide or thirty six and one quarter feet on the north side of the center line as now staked and forty six and one quarter feet on the south side of said stakes. The above consideration being in full for the above described lands tak in and all other damages, which may be caused by the construction and maintenance of said Branch R.R. over said land. To have and to hold the above granted premises with the privileges and appur tenances thereto belonging to the said Fitchburg R.R. Co., successors

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and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And we the said Wm A., Cyrus, Charles, John, Rufus, and Sara & George, our heirs, executors and administrators do covenant with the said Fitchburg R.R. Co & successors and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises: that they are free from all incumbrances; that we have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Fitchburg R.R. Co. their successors and assigns, as aforesaid; and that we will and our heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and de fend the same to the said Fitchburg R.R. Co., their successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all per sons. In witness whereof, we the said Wm. A., Cyrus, John, Charles, Rufus, (and Sarah & George Mentzer by Cyrus Mentzer) have here unto set our hands and seals this the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine. William A. Mentzer, seal. Cyrus Mentzer, seal. Charles L. Mentzer, seal. Rufus Mentzer, seal. John Mentzer, Seal. Sarah A. Mentzer, Seal. George Mentzer, seal by Cyrus Mentzer, guardian, seal. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Elijah Hale. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex SS August 11th 1849. Then personally appeared the within named Cyrus, Charles L. and Rufus Mentzer and acknowledged the within instrument to be their free act and deed; Before me, Elijah Hale, Justice of the Peace.  
Middlesex SS Nov. 27 1849 Recd & Recorded by  
Caleb Hayden Rec

Massachusetts, Middlesex County. Deeds, vol. 573-575. Film #439022 DGS 7441704. Mentzer et al to Fitchburg R.R. Co, Aug 1849 Book 574: page 252-253; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 4 June 2022.





Massachusetts, Middlesex County. Deeds, vol. 573-575. Film #439022 DGS 7441704. Mentzer et al to Fitchburg R.R. Co, Aug 1849 Book 574: page 252-253; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 4 June 2022.

This one 'bad' citation is leading me to lots of deeds for my MENTZER cousins. I am thankful to the county of Middlesex Massachusetts and FamilySearch for making these early records available from my home. This easy access allowed me to not only update my citation but led me to additional sources to add to my records.

THANK YOU!

# et al Deed

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Do you seek out land records in your genealogy research? Since FamilySearch has digitized most of their microfilm collection, finding these land records has become much easier. While these records discuss the transfer of a piece of land from one person, that is not why I love these records. I love these records because of the other information that is found in a deed. At times, these records will indicate that the person I'm researching lived in a different location, helping me broaden my research of that person.

But the 'et al' deeds are my favorites. These deed often identify some or all of a person's descendants. While an 1849 Middlesex County Massachusetts deed identifies many of the heirs of Phillip A. Mentzer, it is an 1850 deed that not only identifies all of the children but identifies some of the spouses and includes their residences.

Mentzer et al  
to  
F R R Coy

Know all men by these presents that we Orin da Mentzer & Wm A Mentzer both of Stow in the County of Middlesex Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Charles Mentzer and Cyrus Mentzer both of North [Borough] County of Worcester in the Commonwealth aforesaid John Mentzer of Brighton in said County of Middlesex Charles L Pierce of Brighton in said County of Middlesex Charles L Pierce and Orinda Pierce wife of Charles L in her right of Worcester in said county of Worcester James Stratton and Hannah Stratton wife of said James in her right of Westerly Rhode Island, Rufus Mentzer of Greenwich Rhode Island and Sarah and George Mentzer minors by their guardian Cyrus Mentzer, in consideration of one hundred and sixty dollars paid by the Fitchburg Rail Road company the receipt whereof is here by acknowledged, do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Fitchburg Rail Road their successors and assigns a certain tract of land situated in said Stow containing ninety seven rods more or less bounded as follows. Beginning at land of William A. Mentzer and running southwesterly as the Lancaster and Sterling Branch Rail Road is now located three hundred twenty three [21/10] feet by the center stakes of said location to the road said tract is five rods in width being forty six feet three inches wide on the southerly side of said Centre stakes and thirty six feet three inches on the northerly side of said center stakes Reserving a large stone which lies partly on said granted premises and partly on land of the Grantors and the said Fitchburg Rail Road Company agree by the acceptance of this deed to fence said tract of land with a stone wall on the upper and south erly side the lower or northerly side may be wooden fence the fence to be built on or before the 15th of May next the above consideration being in full for land taken and all damages caused by the construction of said Branch Rail Road and the maintenance of the same. To Have and To Hold the above granted premises with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Fitchburg Rail Road Company their successors and assigns to their use and behoof forever. And we the said Orinda William A Cyrus Charles John Charles L Orinda James Hannah Rufus and Sarah & George minors by Cyrus Guardian for ourselves and our heirs

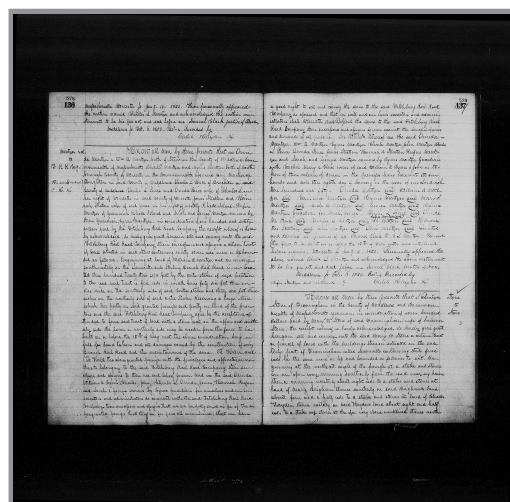
executors and administrators do warrant with the said Fitchburg Rail Road Company their successors and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises that they are free from all incumbrances that we have

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a good right to sell and convey the same to the said Fitchburg Rail Road Company as aforesaid and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said Fitchburg Rail Road Company their successors and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof we the said Orinda Mentzer Wm A Mentzer Cyrus Mentzer Charles Mentzer John Mentzer Charles L Pierce Orinda Pierce James Stratton Hannah A Stratton Rufus Mentzer and Sarah and George Mentzer minors by Cyrus Mentzer Guardian with Caroline Mary & Olive wives of said William A Cyrus & John in token of their release of dower in the premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. Orinda Mentzer (seal) William A Mentzer (seal) Caroline Mentzer (seal) Cyrus Mentzer (seal) Mary S Mentzer (Seal) Sarah A Mentzer (Seal) George Mentzer (seal) Cyrus Mentzer Guardian for Sarah, George, Charles L Pierce (seal) Orinda M Pierce (seal) Charles L Mentzer (seal) Rufus Mentzer (seal) Jas Stratton (seal) H Augustus Stratton (seal) John Mentzer (seal) Olive Mentzer (seal) Executed and delivered in presence of use Samuel Clark to E S Mentzer the words the fence to be built on or before the 15th of May next were interlined before signing. Worcester SS Jany 10 1850 Personally appeared the above named Charles L Mentzer and acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed before me Samuel Clark Justice of Peace Middlesex ss Feb. 6 1850 Recd & Recorded by Caleb Hayden Rec Rufus Mentzer seal " interlined

Massachusetts, Middlesex County. Deeds, Vol. 578-580. Film #439024 DGS 7441717. Phillip Mentzer heirs, 8 Jan 1850 Vol 578: Page 136; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> : viewed online 5 June 2022.

The wealth of information in this deed illustrates why I continue to seek out land records for my ancestor.



# Phillip Andrew Mentzer

Thursday, June 16, 2022

**Phillip Andrew Mentzer** 1 was born about Mar 1793. 2 – 3

He obtained a marriage license to marry Orinda Miles on 16 Mar 1816 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 4 – 6

He married Orinda Miles on 23 May 1816. 1 , 7 – 9

On 14 Dec 1817, Cyrus Mentzer was born in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 10 – 13

Phillip lived in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1820. 14

On 24 Jan 1820, John Mentzer was born in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 12 – 13

On 17 Oct 1824, Charles Lewis Mentzer was born in Westford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 12 – 13 , 15 – 17

Phillip purchased land called the swamp containing six acres from Rufus Hosmer for \$35 on 3 Jun 1825 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 18

Phillip sold land being about 7 acres to Joseph Miles for \$97.61 on 1 May 1827 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 19

On 26 Feb 1828, Rufus Mentzer was born in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 12 – 13 , 20 – 22

Phillip purchased land being 11 acres for \$59.25 from John Brown on 7 Nov 1829 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 23

On 2 Jun 1830, Hannah Augusta Mentzer was born in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 13 , 22 , 24

Phillip lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 1 Jul 1830. 25

Phillip purchased meadowland containing 3 acres for \$300 from Jesse Parmenter on 1 Jan 1835 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 26

He purchased land being 11 acres for \$100 from Silas Stow on 5 Feb 1835 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. 27

On 12 Feb 1835, Sarah A. Mentzer was born in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 12 – 13 , 20 , 22 , 28 – 30

Phillip lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 4 Dec 1837. 31

On 12 Jun 1838, George Mentzer was born in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 12 – 13 , 20 , 22 , 32 – 33

Phillip lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1839. 34

He lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1840. 35

He sold land on 7 Mar 1844 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 36

Phillip died on 19 Dec 1845 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States at the age of 52. 2 – 3 , 33 , 37

He was buried after 19 Dec 1845 in Hillside Cemetery, Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 3

He had his estate probated on 12 Feb 1846 in Stow, Middlesex, Massachusetts, United States. 38

**Orinda Miles**, daughter of Oliver Miles and Sarah Joslin, was born on 14 Jan 1798 in Gardner, Worcester, Massachusetts, United States. 7 , 41 – 44

She lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts on 14 Aug 1850. 13 , 47

Orinda lived in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1855. 48

She lived in Northborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts on 17 Jul 1860. 49

She died on 18 Oct 1861 at the age of 63 in Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. 45 , 50 – 51

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# Friday Finds

Friday, June 17, 2022

## Lizzie Foster Will

Indiana Circuit Court (Warren County)  
Will Records

Film 1976522 DGS 7662654

Will Records, v. 4 (from p. 200) 1884-1895 Will records v. 5-6, 1895-1928

Based on handwritten documentation, this is from v. 5-6

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Be it remembered that on the 4th day of August 1920, there was filed in the office of the Clerk

of the Circuit Court of Warren County, Indiana, the last will and testament of Lizzie Foster, deceased,

late of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, which said will had the Probate is in the words and figures

as follows to-wit;

I, Lizzie Foster, of West LaFayette, Indiana, being of sound mind and disposing memory do now make and declare the following as my last will and testament.

Clause 1: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as

convenient, and that my body be interred in the cemetery at Armstrong Chapel, Warren County, Indiana.

Clause 2. I will, devise and bequeath to my sister, Mattie Foster, all my property, real, personal

and mixed, to be had and held by her for and during the term of her natural life with the right to

use and dispose of such of the personal property as she may desire for any purpose during her

lifetime.

Clause 3: At the death of the said Mattie Foster I will, devise and bequeath all of the real estate

of which I may die seized and all of the personal property above bequeath to her which shall remain

undisposed of by her to my brother, Sam Foster, in case he be living at the time of my death, and in

case he shall then be dead, I will, devise and bequeath all of the property described in this clause

of my will to James Lackey Foster, son of the said Sam Foster.

Clause 4. I now make and appoint Sam Foster as executor of this my last will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this March 8th 1920.

Lizzie Foster

Signed by the said Lizzie Foster and declared by her to be her last will and testament in our

presence, and signed by us as attesting witnesses thereto at her request and in her presence and in

the presence of each other this March 8th, 1920.

C. V. McAdams

Bess McAdams

State of Indiana

Warren County, SS

On the 4th day of August A.D. 1920. personally came before the clerk of the Warren Circuit

Court c. V. McAdams one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed and foregoing instrument of

writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Lizzie Foster late of Tippecanoe County,

in the state of Indiana, deceased, who being now duly sworn to testify the truth the whole truth and

nothing but the truth concerning the execution of the last will and testament of Lizzie Foster,

deceased, on his oath aforesaid testified as follows, to-wit; that he saw the said Lizzie Foster in her

life time, but who is now deceased, sign her name to the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing

as and for her last will and testament, that he heard her declare the same to be her last will and

testament; and that C. V. McAdams and Bess McAdams signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses at

the request of said testatrix in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at the time she

so executed said last will and testament the said Lizzie Foster was of full age to devise and be-

queath her property that she was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that she was not under

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coercion or restraint of any person or persons whomsoever, and further saith now

C. V. McAdams, Witness

Subscribed and sworn on this 4 day of Aug. A.D. 1920.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said

Court of Office in Williamsport, Ind., on this 4 day of Aug. A.D.1920.

William Cowgill, Clerk.

State of Indiana, Warren County, SS.

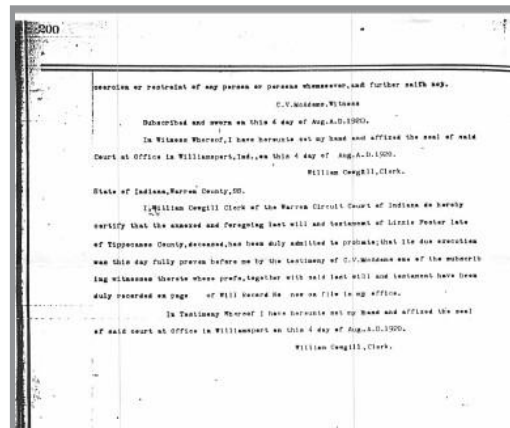
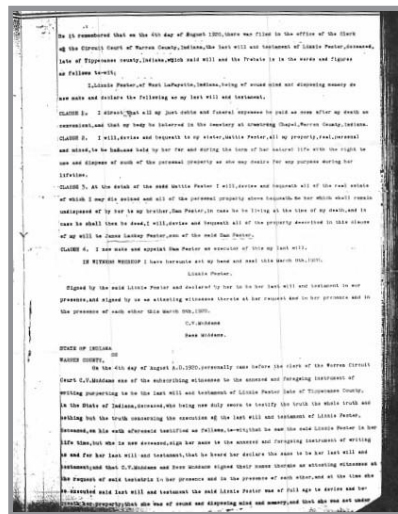
I, William Cowgill Clerk of the Warren Circuit Court of Indiana do hereby

certify that the annexed and foregoing last will and testament of Lizzie Foster late of Tippecanoo County, deceased, has been duly admitted to probate; that its due execution

was this day fully proven before me by the testimony of . V. McAdams one of the subscribing witnesses thereto whose profs, together with said last will and testament have been duly recorded on page of Will Record No now on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed this seal of said court at Office in Williamsport on this 4 day of Aug. A.D. 1920.

William Cowgill, Clerk



This will is also available on Ancestry in their database, Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999.

# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, June 18, 2022

## 1940 Draft List

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351 Vincent Francis Wietharn  
352 Lester Eugene Gutknecht  
353 Ezra Ellsworth Steiner  
354 John William Plattner  
355 Carl Louis Hartman  
356 Irvin Leo Bloom  
357 Francis Leo Sauer  
358 Burch Freel Jerome  
359 Dale Wendell Bryan  
360 William Francis Proctor  
361 Louis Vance Slocum  
362 Vincent John Wilhelm  
363 Claude Philip Davenport  
364 David Devor  
365 Frank Gehard Tapperhorn  
366 Alvin Francis Strahm  
367 Leander Henry Feldkamp  
368 Earl Edward Lucas  
369 Raymond August Macke  
370 Glen Maxwell Nelson  
371 John Samuel Eley  
372 Harry Carl Hutfles  
373 Carl Wendell Evans  
374 Edwin Bernard Ronnebaum  
375 Henry John Ronnebaum  
376 Lee Richard Cushman  
377 John Jordan Barrett  
378 Carl Henry Odell  
379 Cyril Francis Holthaus  
380 Elmer John Jorden  
381 Cleaves Monroe Kirk  
382 Frederick Thomas Bauer  
383 Bernard Henry Hermes  
384 Ignatius Francis Rottinghaus  
385 Ralph Walter Sherbon  
386 Kenneth Alex McDonnell



387 Glen Alfred Johnson  
388 Edwin William Tanking  
389 Glen Winfield Mitchell  
390 Leo Clement Weber  
391 Ormand LeRoy Comer  
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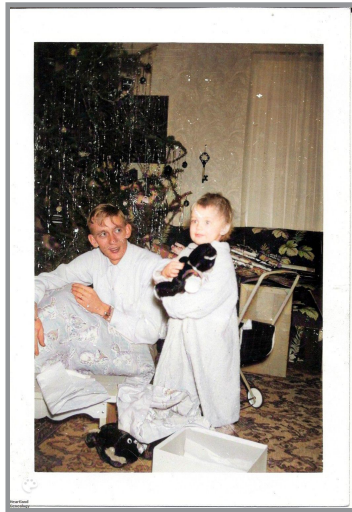
# Fathers

Sunday, June 19, 2022

## Celebrating fathers today!

I thought I'd share some pics of fathers/grandfathers with their children/grandchildren. Unfortunately, finding those snapshots in my files was difficult.

As you celebrate father's day, please remember to take some photos of the fathers in your family interacting with their children.





# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, June 19, 2022

It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

1) I found this on Facebook:



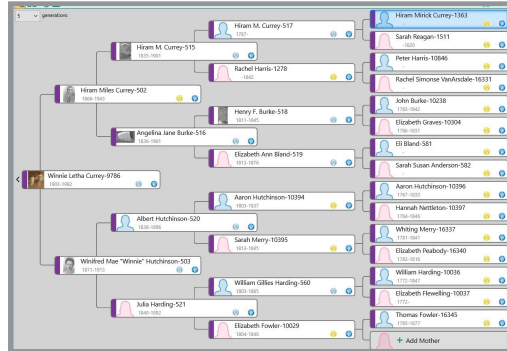
I was very lucky to know both of my grandmothers! The one thing I remember most about BOTH of my grandmothers is their love of family, both immediate family and extended family.

One vivid memory I have from visiting my mom's mother, Pauline (Mentzer) Briles, was sitting on her couch and going thru her photo album. It was thru this time on the couch that I learned about her twin brother and other siblings. Grandma would talk about family members that I had never met but thru sharing the photos she would also share her memories. As a young child, it was hard to understand that I had a first cousin, David, whom grandma hadn't seen since before my birth. Grandma would talk lovingly about David but her words also conveyed sadness. When I started researching my family history, it was grandma Briles who helped me begin my Mentzer and Briles research.

While grandma Briles helped me begin researching my mom's side of the tree, it was my grandma Crawford (Winnie Currey Crawford) who started me on this family history journey. As a child, I knew that my grandmother had a strong bond not only with her siblings but with my grandfather's siblings. It wasn't until learning about her childhood that I understood why she strived to maintain those connections. My grandmother's family was torn apart when her mother died. While her older brother went to work, she and her older two sisters spent time in a children's home and her two younger siblings were 'adopted' out. Even though the family was torn apart while the children were young, they were able to reconnect as adults.



Since she lost her mother at the age of 10, she also lost out on hearing about her mom's family. Not only did grandma miss out on the stories, but her mother's parents had died before my grandmother was born. Thus, grandma did not know a lot about her mom's family. It was this desire to know about her grandparents that started my genealogy journey.



*I am thankful for these memories of both of my grandmothers!*

# Mentzer – Graham

Monday, June 20, 2022



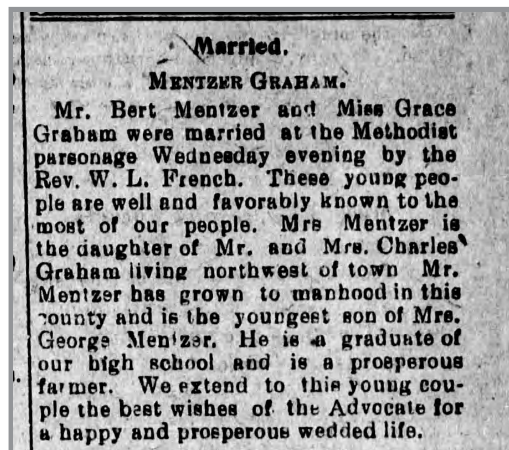
The marriage of Clarence Albert “Bert” Mentzer and Grace Graham is chronicled in three newspapers in Woodson County, Kansas. Each version provides a different clue about the couple.

Married

Mentzer – Graham

Mr. Bert Mentzer and Miss Grace Graham were married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday evening by the Rev. W. L. French. These young people are well and favorably known to the most of our people. Mrs. Mentzer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham living northwest of town. Mr. Mentzer has grown to manhood in the county and is the youngest son of Mrs. George Mentzer. He is a graduate of our high school and is a prosperous farmer. We extend to this young couple the best wishes of the Advocate for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

“Married,” Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 9 May 1913, page 5; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 19 June 2022).

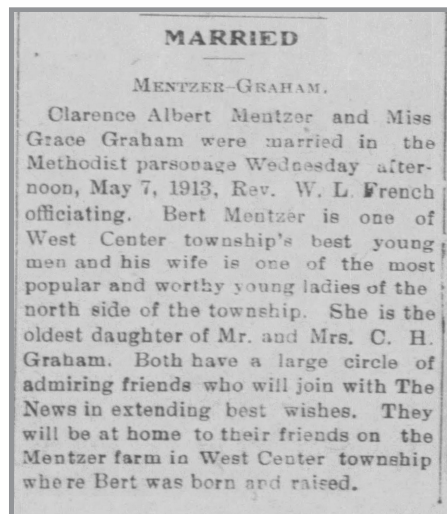


Married

Mentzer – Graham

Clarence Albert Mentzer and Miss Grace Graham were married in the Methodist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, May 7, 1913, Rev. W. L. French officiating. Bert Mentzer is one of West Center township's best young men and his wife is one of the most popular and worthy young ladies of the north side of the township. She is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Graham. Both have a large circle of admiring friends who will join The News in extending best wishes. They will be at home to their friends on the Mentzer farm in West Center township where Bert was born and raised.

"Married," The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 9 May 1913, page 4; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



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"Bert" Mentzer is one of the successful farmers of Woodson county, is practicing to update methods of farming, and is a public spirited and generous hearted citizen — one of Woodson's best.

These two young people begin their home-building with the best wishes of their large circle of friends.

"Another Home Instituted," Woodson County Journal (Yates Center, Kansas), 15 May 1913, page 7; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



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# Williams – Mentzer Wedding

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

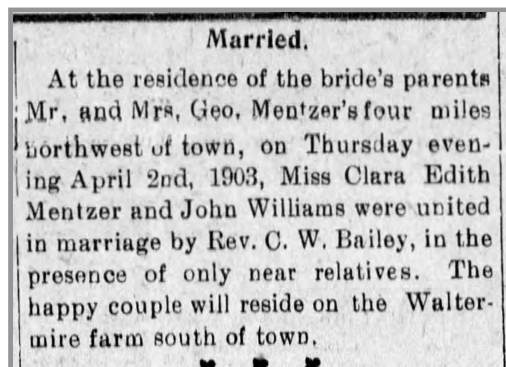
John W. Williams and his wife Clara Edith Mentzer



## Married

At the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mentzer's four miles northwest of town, on Thursday evening April 2nd, 1903. Miss Clara Edith Mentzer and John Williams were united in marriage by Rev. C. W. Bailey, in the presence of only near relatives. The happy couple will reside on the Waltermire farm south of town.

"Married," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 10 April 1903, page 5; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 11 March 2022).

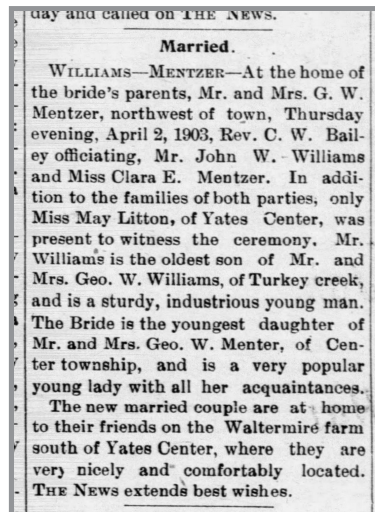


## Married

Williams — Mentzer — At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mentzer, northwest of town, Thursday evening, April 2, 1903, Rev. C. W. Bailey officiating, Mr. John W. Williams and Miss Clara E. Mentzer. In addition to the families of both parties, only Miss May Litton, of Yates Center, was present to witness the ceremony. Mr. Williams is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Williams of Turkey creek, and is a sturdy, industrious young man. The Bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo W. Menter, of Center township, and is a very popular young lady with all her acquaintances. The new married couple are at home to their friends on the Waltermire farm south of

Yates Center, where they are very nicely and comfortably located.  
The News extends best wishes.

"Married," The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 10 April 1903, page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



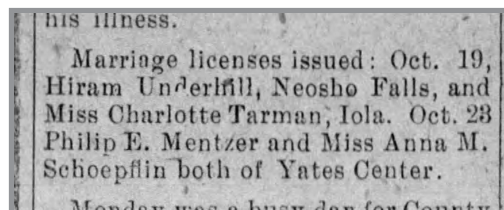
# Mentzer – Schoepflin

Wednesday, June 22, 2022



Marriage licenses issued: Oct. 19, Hiram Underhill, Neosho Falls, and Miss Charlotte Tarman, Iola. Oct. 28, Philip E. Mentzer and miss Anna M. Schoepflin both of Yates Center

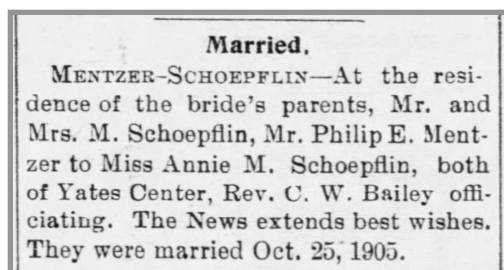
“Marriage Licenses,” The Neosho Falls Post (Neosho Falls, Kansas), 26 October 1905, page 4; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



## Married

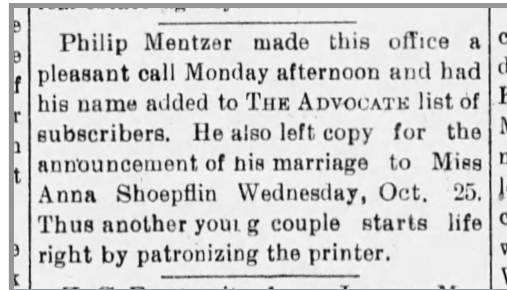
Mentzer – Schoepflin – At the residence of the bride’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schoepflin, Mr. Philip E. Mentzer to Miss Annie M. Schoepflin, both of Yates Center, Rev. C. W. Bailey officiating. The News extends best wishes. They were married Oct. 25, 1905.

“Married,” The Yates Center News (Yates Center, Kansas), 27 October 1905, page 5; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



Philip Mentzer made this office a pleasant call Monday afternoon and had his name added to The Advocate list of subscribers. He also left copy for the announcement of his marriage to Miss Anna Schoepflin Wednesday, Oct. 25. Thus another young couple starts life right by patronizing the printer.

"Local," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 27 October 1905, page 5; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 19 June 2022).



# Anna Wells

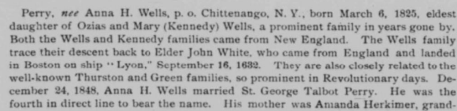
Thursday, June 23, 2022

If you have been doing genealogy research for some time, I'm guessing that you are like me in that you have used the county histories to locate biographies of a family member. These histories provide a wealth of clues about the life of an individual. They often provide information about the spouse and children of the person. If one is lucky, they might also provide information about the parents and in-laws.

For me, those biographies have been about the men in the area. Thus, I was surprised to find a biography of a woman, Anna H. Wells, wife of George Talbot Perry. While this biography could easily have been written with George Perry as the focus, it begins with information about Anna and her family before including information about George.

Perry, nee Anna H. Wells, p.o. Chittenango, N.Y., born March 6, 1825, eldest daughter of Ozias and Mary (Kennedy) Wells, a prominent family in years gone by. Both the Wells and Kennedy families came from New England. The Wells family trace their descent back to Elder John White, who came from England and landed in Boston on ship "Lyon," September 16, 1632. They are also closely related to the well-known Thurston and Green families, so prominent in Revolutionary days. December 24, 1848, Anna H. Wells married St. George Talbot Perry. he was the fourth in direct line to bear the name. His mother was Amanda Herkimer, grand-

Smith John E., Editor, Our County and Its People, a Descriptive and Biographical Record of Madison County, New York (N.p.: Boston History Company, Publishers, 1899), page 96; digital images, FamilySearch.org, <http://www.familysearch.org> Film 934838 Item 1 : viewed online 12 June 2022.



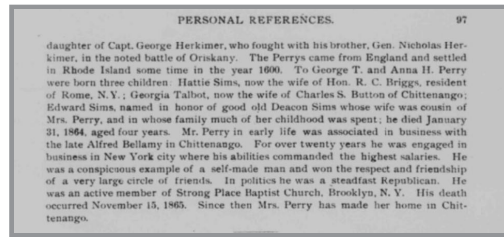
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daughter of Capt. George Herkimer, who fought with his brother, Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, in the noted battle of Oriskany. The Perrys came from England and settled in Rhode Island some time in the year 1600. To George T. and Anna H. Perry were born three children: Hattie Simms, now the wife of Hon. R. C. Briggs, resident of Rome, N.Y.; Georgia Talbot, now the wife of Charlse S. Button of Chittenango; Edward Sims, named in honor of good old Deacon Sims whose wife was cousin of Mrs. Perry, and in whose family much of her childhood was spent; he died January 31, 1864, aged four years. Mr. Perry in early life was associated in business with the late Alfred Bellamy in Chittenango. For over twenty years he was engaged in business in New York city where his abilities commanded the highest salaries. He was a conspicuous example of a self-made man and won the respect and friendship of a very large circle of friends. In politics he was a steadfast Republican. He was an active member of Strong Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY. His death occurred November 15, 1865. Since then Mrs. Perry has made her home in Chittenango.

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# Friday Finds

Friday, June 24, 2022

## Bolivar Robb Biography

As with past Friday Finds posts, this one begins with some handwritten notes. From these notes, I know that I was visiting the Kansas State Historical Society (KHS) when I wrote down the information.

	KHS	Crawford, IN. <sup>036</sup> <del>008</del>
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652t	Biographical history of Tippecanoe	
	White Jasper Newton	
	c1899	
p8	Bolivar Robb	
	one of oldest pioneers of Warren Co.	
	father of subject - William age 2 in 1800	
	1800 family in Erie Co PA	
	1808 Washington Co KY	
	1818 Brown Co OH settled near Ripley	
	1830 Williamsport Warren Co IN	
	Scotch-Irish	
	Presbyterian	
	William Robb born Allegheny Co PA 10 Nov 1798	

Even though I don't have a complete footnote, nor the information to compose one, I do have enough information to identify the book. I was able to locate a digital copy on archive.org at <https://archive.org/details/biographicalhistip01lewi/page/n5/mode/2up>

The biography of Bolivar Robb starts on page 8.

### Bolivar Robb

With perhaps a few exceptions, Bolivar Robb, of West Lebanon, Warren county, is the oldest pioneer of this county, in years residence here. He has lived in this portion of Indiana for seventy-two years, and in Warren county since 1830, and distinctly remembers the experiences of the pioneers during the '30s and '40s, and the primitive condition of everything here, and the inevitable hardships which had to be endured. He even

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recalls the Black Hawk war of 1832, and incidents of that notable strife with the red men — one of the last stands of that race against the oncoming tide of civilization east of the Mississippi.

Early in the eighteenth century three brothers, James, William and John Robb, emigrated from the northern part of Ireland (where they were known as Scotch-Irish) to America, and made a settlement at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It is supposed that from them are descended all persons bearing the surname of Robb in this country, but from which one of the brothers our subject traces his lineage is not definitely known. The great-grandfather of the subject was one John Robb, and the grandfather was Thomas Robb, both natives of the Keystone state. The latter, born in 1767, married Elizabeth Robb, a second cousin, and in 1800, when their son William (father of our subject) was about two years old, they removed to Erie county, Pennsylvania. Eight years later they went to

Washington county, Kentucky, and in 1818 they took up their abode in Brown county, Ohio, settling near Ripley, the county seat. In 1830 Mr. Robb became a resident of Washington township, in the vicinity of Williamsport, Warren county, Indiana, but three years later he continued his journey westward, and died in DeKalb county, Illinois, September 4, 1850. From principle he was strongly opposed to slavery, and the unswerving traits of integrity, justice and honor which had descended to him from his Scotch-Irish ancestors were among his most noteworthy characteristics. He left the stern old "blue" Presybyterianism in which he and his forefathers had been reared, and until his death rejoiced in the liberty and light of the Disciples or Christian church, with which he early identified himself. While he was never an aspirant to official distinction, he occupied various local positions and was a justice of the peace for years, here and further east. His first wife, Elizabeth, died in Ohio, and Mr. Robb subsequently married Mrs. Sarah Friel, who survived him a short time. She had one son by her first marriage, Thomas and Elizabeth Robb were the parents of James and John (twins), William, Thomas, Robert, Mary, Anna and Elizabeth, all of whom have passed away. James served in the regular army of the United States for five years, and in the war of 1812 fought under the leadership of General Andrew Jackson, and later took part in the Seminole war. John also was in the war of 1812, fighting under General William H. Harrison. With the exception of Thomas, who died in youth, all of these brothers and sisters married and had families, and all except James and Thomas became residents of Indiana, the former settling in Illinois and the latter dying in Ohio.

William Robb, father of Bolivar Robb, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, near Pittsbrug, November 10, 1798. He accompanied his parents to Brown county, Ohio, and there he married Abi Higinbotham, a native

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of that county, born April 14, 1806. In the spring of 1827, William Robb, in company with his brothers-in-law, Joseph S. and Joseph P. Robb, built a small flat-boat and floated down the Ohio river to the mouth of the Wabash, and thence went up this river to Covington, in what is now Fountain county. Having selected and bought a tract of land near Vederburg, William Robb returned home on foot, and in the following autumn he brought his family to the new home in the wilderness, in a one-horse wagon. The family continued to reside on this homestead until March, 1830, when they removed to Warren county. Mr. Robb entered land about three-fourths of a mile west of the present court-house in Williamsport,, and here he continued to dwell until his death, June 10, 1885. His venerable wife died January 5, 1899, in her ninety-third year. Politically, he was a Democrat, and three times did he fill the office of sheriff, twice being elected and once being appointed to that position. Once he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of county clerk, and for many years he was a school director, township trustee, etc. Of his seven children, Bolivar, William W. and Howard are residents of Warren county, and Alfred lives in Tennessee. Those who have entered the silent land are Frank; Eliza Jane, who was the wife of G. W. Armstrong; and Sarah E., who married James Jones, and had a son and daughter, both now deceased.

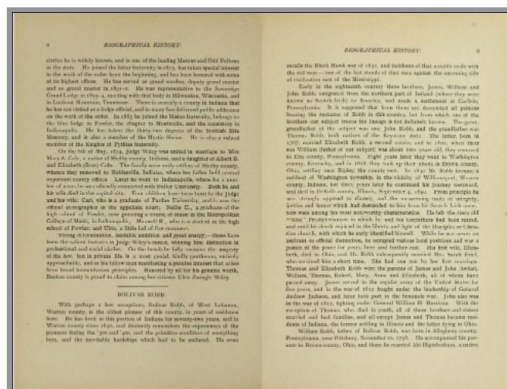
Bolivar Robb was born April 29, 1826, in Brown county, Ohio, and was but four years old when he came to this county. Here he managed to gain a fair education in the primitive subscription schools of that period, but his advantages were meager in the extreme. When he was eighteen, his father, who had been unfortunate in business, informed him that he could give him only a team of horses with which to make a start in independent life. The young man requested and received the equivalent of the horses in money, and with this he paid his way, as far as possible in Wabash College. He then taught for six

successive winters. Schools were still carried on largely by subscription at the rate of about two dollars a pupil for a term, and the last winter that the young pedagogue taught he received fifty dollars for his services, and paid one dollar a week for his board and that of his horse. For thirty years he was engaged in contracting and building, and then he purchased the old homestead, which he managed for years and only recently sold. During Cleveland's last administration he was postmaster of West Lebanon, where he has a pleasant home, and is living practically retired. He has always been prominent in the councils of the Democratic party of this locality. In June, 1843, he joined the Christian church of this village, and from that time to the present he has been one of the most active members, and was the first superintendent of the Sunday school here. On the 25th of July , 1850, Mr. Robb married Sarah A. Acus, a native

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of Iroquois county, Illinois. She died April 8, 1853, and left an infant daughter who lived to the age of nine years. **December 7, 1856, Mr. Robb wedded Margaret S. Crawford** and their only child, Clara Jane, married E. S. Walker, who has been commander -in-chief of the Sons of Veterans of Indiana. Mrs. Walker, a lovely, well educated lady, died when in her thirtieth year and left an infant. Her loss has been deeply felt by her many sincere friends and particularly by her devoted parents, who are thus left childless in their declining years.

Biographical History of Tippecanoe White Jasper Newton, Benton, Warren and Pulaski Counties, Indiana, Volume I. Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1899.



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# Saturday Tidbits

Saturday, June 25, 2022

## 1940 Draft List

*Continued*

The Courier-Tribune (Seneca, Kansas)  
November 28, 1940  
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Draft Order  
(Official List Continued)

400 Tommie Samuel Brammer  
491 Clifford Fred Wissler  
402 Alfred Leslie Ralston  
403 John Henry Kruetzman  
404 Leon Ashley Glenn  
405 Walter Loyd Cornell  
406 William Ernest McEchron, Jr  
407 Frank Isch  
408 Albert Bartholomew McKee  
409 Ray Deaver  
410 Donal Cecil Davis  
411 Eugene Frederick Brown  
412 Homer Leland Cox  
413 George William Hailey  
414 Albert Joseph Kruetzman  
415 Warren Charles Spiker  
416 Ray Eldon Creed  
417 William Arthur Hoffman  
418 Earl Ewalt Schuneman  
419 William Kenneth Most  
420 Lawrence Bryan Rawlins  
421 Paul galen Phillips  
422 John Otho Nebgen  
423 Wilfred Bernard Stallbaumer  
424 Gerard Benedict Houlton  
425 Pete Vincent Haug  
426 Joseph Vondemkamp  
427 Donald Sewell Arick  
428 Wayne Max McCall  
429 Van Leonard McDaniel, Jr  
430 Felix William Stallbaumer  
431 Earl Walter Parli  
432 William Henry Kranz, Jr  
433 Harold Earl Frank  
434 Vincent Leander Gudenkauf  
435 Fred Gregory Holthaus  
436 Alfred Herman Stallbaumer

437 Bert Henry Keim  
438 Dale A. Brock  
439 Lloyd Raymond Whiteside  
440 Anthony Alphonse Rettele  
441 Walter Henry Lierz  
443 Orville Franklin Yarger  
443 Leo Joseph Heiman  
444 Clyde Edwin Vernon  
445 Robert Sidney Dank  
446 Leonard Krogman  
447 George Michail Grdinovich  
448 Marion Lee Owens  
449 Robert Emil Studer

# Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Sunday, June 26, 2022

It's Saturday Night –

time for more Genealogy Fun!

Your mission, should you decide to accept it (cue the Mission Impossible music here) is to:

1) Who is in your paternal grandfather's matrilineal line (i.e., the mother of your paternal grandfather, and her mother, etc.)

- My paternal grandfather is **Leon Russel Crawford**. Leon was born in Dodge City, Kansas in 1894 and died in Dodge City in 1976. He is the son of Judson Foster Crawford and Josie Winifred Hammond.
- **Josie Winifred Hammond** was born 9 Feb 1874 in Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois and died 27 Sep 1954 in Dodge City, Kansas. She married Judson Foster Crawford in 1890 in Dodge City, Kansas. Josie is the daughter of Richmond Fisk Hammond and Sarah Ellen Ralston. ThruLines indicates that I have 12 DNA matches with descendants of Josie. (Note: This includes my two brothers.)
- **Sarah Ellen Ralston** was born in 1849 in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania and died in 1892 in Dodge City, Kansas. She married Richmond Fisk Hammond in 1867 in Knoxville. Sarah is the daughter of James Barr Ralston and Nancy Jane McCormick. Ancestry's ThruLines indicates that I have 13 matches with descendants of Sarah Ellen Ralston
- **Nancy Jane McCormick** was born in 1818 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and died in 1907 in Grundy County, Iowa. About 1836, she married James Barr Ralston in Pennsylvania. Nancy Jane McCormick is the daughter of James B. McCormick and Sarah Hall. Ancestry's ThruLines indicates that I have 38 DNA matches with descendants of Nancy Jane McCormick.
- **Sarah Hall** was born about 1789 in Pennsylvania. According to FamilySearch, she died in Woodville, Sandusky County, Ohio. Marriage information for Sarah Hall and James B. McCormick has not been found. Sarah was the daughter of David Hall, Senior and Jane Jackson. (Note: I have not done much research on Sarah or her ancestry. I am pulling information about her and her ancestors from the FamilySearch tree. Sarah's ID on FamilySearch is LHS3-S56.) Ancestry's ThruLines indicates that I have 35 DNA matches with descendants of Sarah Hall (even though I had 38 matches with her supposed daughter, Sarah Hall.)
- According to FamilySearch, **Jane Jackson** was born about 1765 in Ireland and died about 1849 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. Jane married David Hall about 1781. FamilySearch indicates that Jane is the daughter of John Crieve Jackson and Agnes McIntyre. Ancestry's ThruLines indicates I have 37 matches with descendants of Jane Jackson
- According to FamilySearch **Agnes McIntyre** was christened 21 May 1749 in Perth, Scotland and died in 1818 in Apollo, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. FamilySearch indicates that Agnes McIntyre and John Crieve Jackson were married 28 Jan 1766 in Carrickfergus, Antrim, Northern Ireland. FamilySearch lists Agnes McIntyre's parents as Adame McIntyre and Janet Irvine.
- According to FamilySearch. **Janet Irvine** was born in 1711 in Perth, Scotland. No death information is listed for Janet. FamilySearch indicates that Janet Irvine married

Adame McIntyre in 1736 in Perth Scotland. No parents are identified for Janet Irvine.



# Juanita Mentzer Baldwin

Monday, June 27, 2022

Do use notes to help create a narrative report for individuals in your tree? While I've seen another researcher talk about his use of this feature, I have to admit that I haven't taken advantage of the ability to create and incorporate notes into a narrative report.

Having recently corresponded with a DNA match who is the granddaughter of Juanita Mentzer, a first cousin twice removed, I decided to review what information I have on this cousin and experiment with the notes feature. While I don't excel at 'narrative' writing, I did use the notes feature to incorporate additional information from the sources, including some of the obituaries of her siblings.

**Juanita Winnifred Mentzer** was born on 20 May 1923 in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas. 1 – 9 The family shared the news of the birth of a daughter in the Woodson County Journal on May 31 1923.

"A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mentzer at their home near Yates Center, on May 20, 1923. All well."

"Local News," Woodson County Journal (Yates Center, Kansas), 31 May 1923, page 3; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 22 June 2022).

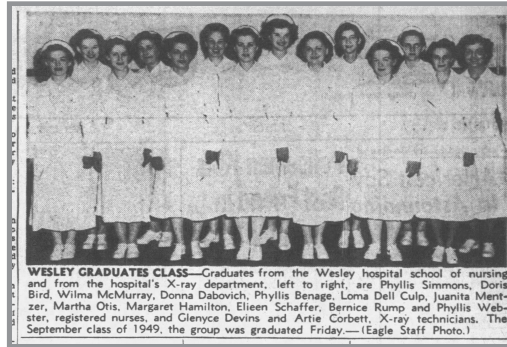
She lived in Center Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1925. 10 Juanita Mentzer was listed as Jennett Mentzer, a three year old female in the household of E. E. Mentzer on the 1925 Kansas Census.

She lived in Center Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States on 4 Apr 1930. 11 Juanita W. Mentzer was listed as a 6 year old daughter in the household of Ernest E. Mentzer. According to the census, Juanita was born in Kansas.

In 1939, Juanita was educated at Yates Center High School in Yates Center, Woodson, Kansas, United States. 12

She lived in Center Township, Woodson, Kansas, United States in 1940. 13 Juanita Mentzer was listed as a 16 year old daughter in the household of Earnest and Edith Mentzer.

She lived in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States on 26 Apr 1949. 14 On 2 Sep 1949, Juanita graduated from at Wesley Nursing School in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas, United States. 2 , 15



"Wesley Graduates Class," the Wichita Beacon (Wichita, KS), 3 September 1949, page 2; digital images, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 22 June 2022).

Juanita Winnifred Mentzer and Charles Baldwin obtained a marriage license in Oct 1951 in Allen County, Kansas. 20 The Iowa Register reported the issuance of a marriage license to Charles F. Baldwin, 23 of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts and Juanita W. Mentzer, 27 of Yates Center

They were married on 12 Sep 1952 in Coffeyville, Montgomery, Kansas, United States. 21 – 23 The marriage of Juanita Mentzer to Charles Baldwin was chronicled in the Massachusetts newspaper:

"Charles F Baldwin Married in Kansas  
West Stockbridge — Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mentzer of Yates Center, Kan, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Juanita to Charles F. Baldwin of Tulsa, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Baldwin of West Stockbridge."

"Charles F Baldwin married in Kansas," The Berkshire County Eagle (Pittsfield, Massachusetts), 24 September 1952, Page 10; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 9 December 2020).

She lived in Middletown, Middlesex, Connecticut, United States in 1986. 16 – 17

Juanita and her husband were divorced in 1987 in Middlesex, Connecticut, United States. 24

She lived in Connecticut, United States in 1988. 18 The obituary of Donald D. Mentzer of Reno, Nevada identifies his living siblings.

"Donald Dumond Mentzer, to, died Thursday at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. A native of Yates center, Kan., he was born March 6, 1928 and had been a Reno resident for the past 22 years, coming from Salt Lake City.  
Mentzer was owner of Mentzer Detroit Diesels and had been an Army veteran.  
His father, E. E., died in 1964, mother, Edith, in 1961, brother Edward in 1987. A sister and two brothers also preceded him in death.  
Surviving are his widow, Nadine, sons, Alan, Gary, Lynn, daughter, Beverly Ballard, and a brother, Keith, all of Reno; brothers, Tye of Iowa, Austina and Burdette both of Kansas and Norryce of Washington; sister Juanita Baldwin of Connecticut; and six grandchildren."

"Donald D. Mentzer," Reno Gazette-Journal (Reno, Nevada), 19 February 1988, page 28; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 26 January 2020).

Juanita lived in Connecticut, United States in 1997. 19 The obituary of Austin Mentzer of Ensign, Kansas identifies his living siblings.

"Mentzer, Austin M., 81, retired farmer and stockman, died Friday, June 13, 1997. Service 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Ensign Methodist Church.

Survivors: wife, Vanita; son, Richard, daughter, Cynthia Hamilton, both of Ensign; brothers, e. tye of Newton, Keith of Reno, Nev., Burdette of Yates Center, Norryce Wenachee, Wash.; sister, Juanita Baldwin of Higgman, Conn.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Memorials have been established with Ensign United Methodist Church and Hospital of the Prairie. Swaim Funeral Home, Dodge City."

"Ensign," The Wichita Eagle (Wichita, Kansas), 16 June 1997, page 10; digital image, Newspapers.com ([www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)) : viewed online 12 March 2022).

She died on 5 Apr 2009 at the age of 85 in Middlesex, Connecticut, United States. 2 , 5 – 8 She was buried at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas. 2 , 8 Her obituary in the Hartford Courant chronicles her life.

Juanita "Jo" (Mentzer) Baldwin, 85, formerly of High Meadow Place, Haddam, passed away Sunday (April 5, 2009) at Middlesex Health Care Center. She was born on May 20, 1923 In Yates Center, KS, the daughter of the late Ernest and Edith (Dumond) Mentzer. Juanita was a Registered Nurse, who worked at many area health care facilities. She was a member of participated in the choir of the First Congregational Church of Haddam. She is survived by her four daughters, E. Ann Baldwin and Robert Ponko, Jr. of Higganum, Edith Amelia Baldwin and Paul Maywood of Haddam, J. Beth Baldwin and Philip Delegan of Middletown, and Charlene F. Baldwin and Bradley West of Phoenix, AZ; three grandchildren; Case and Ashley Crabb, and Chelsey Mia Baldwin-West and a beloved and extended family throughout the United States. Juanita's family would like to express their gratitude to all those in the community for their loving care and support. Jo will always be remembered for her gentle and loving spirit.

Campbell Funeral Home of Yates Center, KS, has care of the funeral services and burial in Yates Center, KS. A memorial service to honor and celebrate her life will be held at a later date at the First Congregational Church of Haddam, 905 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT 06438, Middlesex Health Care Center, Resident Fund, 100 Randolph Rd., Middletown, CT 06457 or Woodson County Foundation Fund, PO Box 160 Yates Center, KS 66783.

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# Benjamin F. Wells

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

When I first started researching my family history, the Internet did not exist. Thus, my research depended on sources available at the Kansas State Historical Society, letter writing or travel. Since my tree has deep Kansas roots, the historical society's collection of Kansas census and newspaper records were of a great help. For my earlier generations, the book collection at the historical society provided a wealth of information.

Many of those books were county histories or mug books. While that collection of books still exists in Topeka, Internet resources such as Archive.org bring those same books into my home. One of those books, Portrait and Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, contains an excellent biography of one of my Wells cousins, Benjamin F. Wells.

Benjamin F. Wells is a practical and enterprising farmer residing on section 2 in Kalamo Township, Eaton County, and is the eldest in a family of seven children. His father, Ozias, and mother, Mary (Kennedy) Wells were natives of the State of New York. The grandfather, Green Wells, died in Orleans County, N. Y. .. at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The father was a farmer in Madison County, N. Y. .. where he engaged in agricultural pursuit, for some years and then removed to Princeton, N. J., where he worked for an uncle as overseer in the digging of the canal. The mother was born at Half Moon, Saratoga County, N, Y. Her father, John Kennedy,

also engaged in farming in Madison County. The mother of our subject resided in New York State until 1837, when she came to Michigan and spent the rest of her days among her children and died at the home of our subject, March 20, 1885, being at that time over eighty-six years old. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was the mother of seven children, namely: B. F.; Thurston, living at Yates Center, Kan.; William, a resident of Albion Township, Calhoun County, Mich.; Mrs. Ann Perry, a resident of Madison County, N. Y.; Mrs. Jane Hummeston, who died at Vermontville, this county; Mrs. Lucinda Hall, residing at Chittenango, Madison County, N.Y., and Mrs. Nancy Doolittle, residing in Clarendon, Calhoun County.

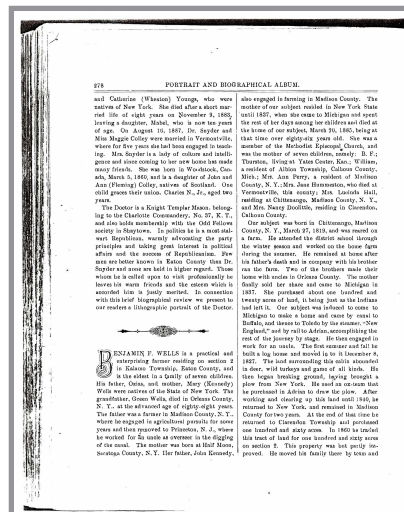
Our subject was born in Chittenango, Madison County, N. Y., March 27, 1819, and was reared on a farm. He attended the district school through the winter season and worked on the home farm during the summer. He remained at home after



his father's death and in company with his brother ran the farm. Two of the brothers made their home with uncles in Orleans County. The mother finally sold her share and came to Michigan in

She purchased about one hundred and twenty acres of land, it being just as the Indians had left it. Our subject was induced to come to Michigan to make a home and came by canal to Buffalo, and thence to Toledo by the steamer, "New England," and by rail to Adrian, accomplishing the rest of the journey by stage. He then engaged in work for an uncle. The first summer and fall he built a log house and moved in to it December 8,

The land surrounding this cabin abounded in deer, wild turkeys and game of all kinds. He then began breaking ground, having brought a plow from New York. He used an ox-team that he purchased in Adrian to draw the plow. After working and clearing up this land until 1840, he returned to New York, and remained in Madison County for two years. At the end of that time he returned to Clarendon Township and purchased one hundred and sixty acres. In 1860 he traded this tract of land for one hundred and sixty acres on section 2. This property was but partly improved. He moved his family there by team and



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has since steadily continued in the work of improving the estate.  
On this farm the land is all tillable with no waste such as swamps would occasion. Over five acres

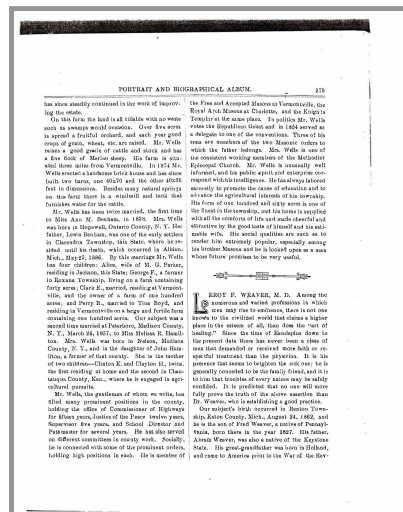
is spread a fruitful orchard, and each year good crops of grain, wheat, etc. are raised. Mr. Wells raises a good grade of cattle and stock and has a fine flock of Merino sheep. His farm is situated three miles from Vermontville. In 1874 Mr. Wells erected a handsome brick house and has since built two barns, one 40×70 and the other 40×36 feet in dimensions. Besides many natural springs on this farm there is a windmill and tank that furnishes water for the cattle.

Mr. Wells has been twice married, the first time to Miss Ann M. Benham, in 1838. Mrs. Wells was born in Hopewell, Ontario County, N.Y. Her father, Lewis Benham, was one of the early settlers in Clarendon Township, this State, where he resided until his death, which occurred in Albion Mich., May 25, 1886. By this marriage Mr. Wells has four children: Alice, wife of M. G. Parker, residing in Jackson, this State; George F., a farmer in Roxana Township, living on a farm containing forty acres; Clark E., married, residing at Vermontville, and the owner of a farm of one hundred acres; and Perry B., married to Tina Boyd, and residing in Vermontville on a large and fertile farm containing one hundred acres. Our subject was a second time married at Peterboro, Madison County, N.Y., March 26, 1857, to Miss Melissa R. Hamilton. Mrs. Wells was born in Nelson, Madison County, N. Y., and is the daughter of John Hamilton, a farmer of that county. She is the mother of two children—Clinton K. and Clayton H., twins, the first residing at home and the second in Chautauqua County, Kan., where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Wells, the gentleman of whom we write, has filled many prominent positions in the county, holding the office of Commissioner of Highways for fifteen years, Justice of the Peace twelve years, Supervisor five years, and School Director and Pathmaster for several years. He has also served on different committees in county work. Socially, he is connected with some of the prominent orders, holding high positions in each. He is member of

the Free and Accepted Masons at Vermontville, the Royal Arch Masons at Charlotte, and the Knights Templar at the same place. In politics, Mr. Wells votes the Republican ticket and in 1854 served as a delegate to one of the conventions. Three of his sons are members of the two Masonic orders to

which the father belongs. Mrs. Wells is one of the consistent working members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wells is unusually well informed, and his public spirit and enterprise correspond with his intelligence. He has always labored earnestly to promote the cause of education and to advance the agricultural interests in his township. His farm of one hundred and sixty acres is one of the finest in the township, and his home is supplied with all the comforts of life and made cheerful and attractive by the good taste of himself and his estimable wife. His social qualities are such as to render him extremely popular, especially among his brother Masons and he is looked upon as a man whose future promises to be very useful.



# Wells Probate

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Have you been working on your family history for a while? If you are like me, you either have paper files or digital copies of that paper. As I'm in the process of researching the descendants of Ozias Wells and his wife Mary Kennedy, I started digging into some of those files.

One of the items I found was the probate record for Clinton K. Wells of Eaton County. While Ancestry has the Michigan, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1784-1980 database, a search for the Wells surname in Eaton county did not include Clinton Wells.

## Probate Judges

Testimony on Determination of Legal Heirs  
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## State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Eaton

At a session of the said Court, held at the Probate Office in the city of  
Charlotte in said County, on the 13th day of  
April A.D. 1948

Present, Hon. Jon McLaughlin, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Clinton K. Wells, Deceased

Hearing on petition of Nellie Barningham

for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

Proof of publication of notice of hearing filed.

Petitioner appeared in person

Agnis Howe being duly sworn, says:

I reside in the R-2 township of Vermontvill in the

County of Eaton and State of Michigan. I was acquainted

with Clinton K. Wells said deceased, in

his life time. The said deceased was, at the time of his death, a resident of the

Village of Vermontville and

died at the Township of Kalamo

on or about the 10th day of May A.D. 1932

The names and relationship of the legal heirs of said deceased who were living at the  
time of his

death are as follows:

Nellie Barningham – daughter

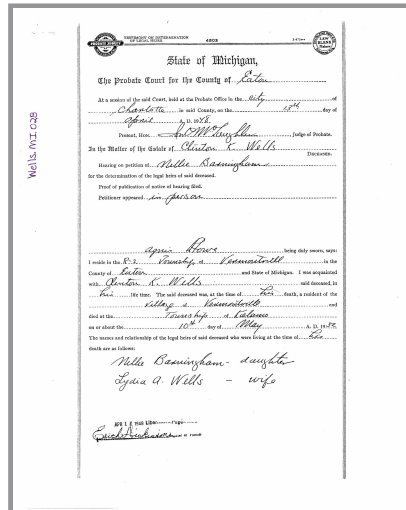
Lydia A. Wells – wife

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Edith Dickinson

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Probate record of Clinton K. Wells. photocopy.



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Be it remembered, that I, Clinton K. Wells  
of the township of Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan,  
being of sound mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of this life, do hereby  
make, execute, and  
declare this to be My Last Will and Testament, that is to say:  
After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, I give, devise and bequeath all  
my real and  
personal estate wherever situated as follows:

-1-

I give and devise to my beloved wife Lydia A. Wells all that  
certain parcel of real estate described as follows: to wit: — The  
East one-half (1/2) of the North-east quarter (1/4) of Section  
three (3) and the West one fourth (1/4) of the North-west quarter  
(1/4) of section two (2), in the township of Kalamo, Eaton County and  
State of Michigan, to have and to hold the same forever.

-2-

I give and device to my beloved daughter Nellie M. Barningham  
all that certain parcel of real estate described as follows, to-  
wit: The east one-half (1/2) of the Southeast quarter (1/4) of  
Section thirty-four (34), in the township of Vermontville, Eaton  
County and State of Michigan, to have and to hold the same  
forever.

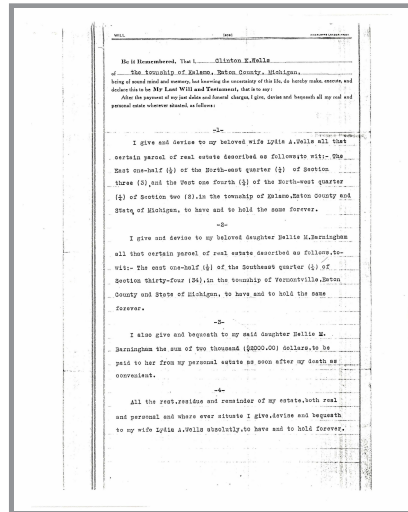
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I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Nellie M  
Barningham the sum of two thousand (\$2000.00) dollars, to be  
paid to her from my personal estate as soon after my death as  
convenient.

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All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real  
and personal and where ever situate I give, devise and bequeath  
to my life Lydia A. Wells absolutely, to have and to hold forever

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I do hereby appoint my said wife Lydia A. Wells  
the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

I do hereby revoke any and every Will heretofore made by me.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fourteenth  
day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred twenty-two

Clinton K. Wells (seal)

On this 14th day of March, in the year one thousand nine  
hundred twenty-two, Clinton K. Wells

of the township of Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan,

signed the foregoing instrument, and declared the same to be his last Will and  
Testament, in the

presence of us, as witnesses, and we, not being interested therein, at the request of said  
Clinton K. Wells

in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and where he could see us sing our  
names, did thereupon on said above mentioned day subscribe our names hereto as  
witnesses thereof.

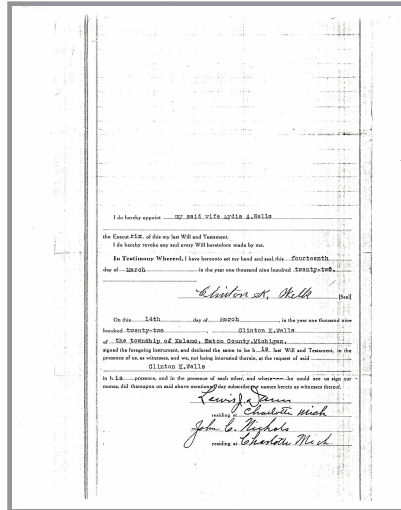
Lewis J. Da[vis]

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John C. Nichols

residing at Charlotte Mich

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 State of Michigan  
 The Probate Court for the County of Eaton  
 To the Probate Court for said County  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Lydia A. Wells, Deceased  
 I, Nellie Barningham, respectfully  
 represent that

I reside in the township of Kalamo in said County

I am interested in said estate and make this petition as daughter  
 of said deceased

Said deceased died on the 12 day of January A.D. 1948, leaving  
 no last Will and Testament, as I am informed and believe.

Said deceased was, at the time of her death, an inhabitant of the Village of  
 Vermontville in said County

Said deceased left estate within said county  
 to be administered,  
 and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: Real estate, \$3000 or thereabout;  
 Personal estate, \$5000 or thereabout, as I am informed and believe

The names, relationships, ages and residences of the heirs-at-law of said deceased are  
 as  
 follows:

Nellie Barningham, relationship – daughter; age – 54; residence Vermontville

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 [Ben Sloyt]  
 [J Miller Leub]

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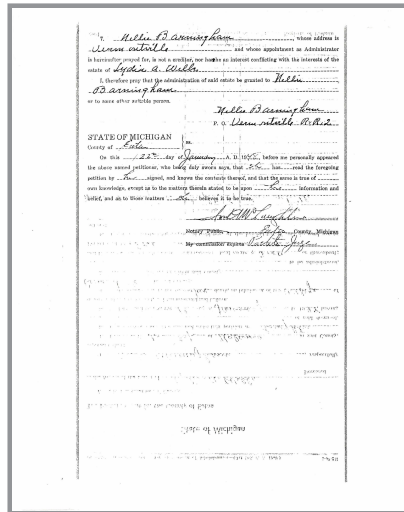
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Nellie Barningham, whose address is  
Vermontville and whose appointment as Administrator  
is hereinafter prayed for, is not a creditor, nor has he an interest conflicting with the  
interests of the  
estate of Lydia A. Wells  
I, therefor pray that the administration of said estate be granted to Nellie  
Barningham  
or to some other suitable person.  
Nellie Barningham  
P.O. Vermontville R.R. 2

State of Michigan  
County of Eaton  
On this 22n day of January A.D. 1948, before me personally appeared  
the above named petitioner, who being duly sworn says, that she has read the foregoing  
petition by her signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of  
own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to upon her information and  
belief, and as to those matters she believes it to be true.  
Jon McLaughlin  
Notary Public, Eaton County Michigan  
My commission expires Probate Judge

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State of Michigan

The Probate Court for the County of Eaton

To the Probate court for said County:

In the Matter of the Estate of Clinton K. Wells,

I, Lydia A. Wells, respectfully represent that I reside in the Village of Vermontville in said county, and am interested in said estate and make this petition as widow and the executrix named in the last will and testament of said deceased.

I further represent that said deceased died on the tenth day of May, A.D. 1932 leaving a last will and testament, bearing date the 14th day of March A.D. 1922, which is herewith deposited and filed in said court; that said will is in writing and signed by said deceased in the presence of Lewis J. Dann and John C. Nichols, two competent witnesses, who at the request of said deceased, attested and subscribed said will in

presence and in presence of each other

and that said deceased, at the time he executed said will

was twenty-one years of age and upwards, and was of sound mind and under no restraint or undue influence

whatever, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that said deceased was, at the time of his death, an inhabitant of the village of Vermontville in said county

and left estate within said county to be administered,

and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: Real estate \$4000.00 or thereabout land contract 5700.00

personal estate, \$ mtg total about 8000.00 or thereabout, as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that the names, relationships, ages and residences of the devisees, legatees and heirs

at las of said deceased are as follows.

Lydia A. Wells – Relationship widow; Age full; Residence – Vemontville, Mich

Nellie M. Barningham – Relationship dau; Age full; Residence – Vermontville, Mich

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I therefor pray that said instrument now on file in said court, be admitted to probate and that the execution thereof and administration of said estate be granted to myself, the executrix named in said will or to some other suitable person.

Lydia A. Wells  
P.O. Vermontville, Mich.

State of Michigan  
County of Eaton  
On this 14th day of May, A.D. 1932  
before me personally appeared the above named petitioner, who being duly sworn says,  
that she has  
read the foregoing petition by her signed, and knows the contents thereof and that the  
same is true of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be upon  
her  
information and belief, and as to those matters she believes it to be true.  
Jessie G. Stine  
Notary Public Eaton County, Mich.  
My commission expires Feb 3rd, 1935

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I therefore pray that said testament, now on file in said court, be admitted to probate and that the execution thereof and administration of said estate be granted to \_\_\_\_\_ the executor, JIA \_\_\_\_\_ named in said will \_\_\_\_\_ or to some other suitable person.

*John A. Wells*  
 P. O. - Farmingtonville, Conn.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1935, \_\_\_\_\_, A. B. HISS, before me personally appeared the above named person, who being duly sworn says that \_\_\_\_\_ and the foregoing petition by \_\_\_\_\_ signed, and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to his knowledge, except as to the portions therein stated to be copies. \_\_\_\_\_ Information and belief, and as to those matters \_\_\_\_\_ believe it to be true.

*James H. Stone*  
 Notary Public, State of Michigan.  
 My Commission expires Feb 3rd, 1935

FILED  
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 STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 PROBATE COURT  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 J. H. Stone, Notary Public  
 My Commission expires Feb 3rd, 1935  
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 Filed for Probate of Will  
 Date of Filing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Executor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

# Clayton Wells Probate

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Buried in my files is another probate file. This time, it is for Clayton H. Wells of Eaton County, Michigan.

State of Michigan  
The Probate Court for the County of Eaton

To the Probate Court for Said County:

In the Matter of the Estate of Clayton H. Wells,

I Anna M. Wells, respectfully  
represent that I reside in the township of Vermontville in said county  
and am interested in said estate and make this petition as widow and an heir-at-law  
of said deceased.

I further present that said deceased died on the thirteenth  
day of March, A.D. 1931 leaving no last will and testament,  
as I am informed and believe.

I further represent that said deceased was, at the time of his death, an inhabitant of the  
township of Vermontville, in said county  
and left estate within said county  
to be administered, and that the estimated value thereof is as follows: real estate,  
\$10,000.00

Free and clear  
or thereabout; personal estate, \$2000.00 or thereabout, as I am informed and believe.  
I further represent that the names, relationship, ages and residences of the heirs at law of  
said  
deceased are as follows:

Carl B Wells, son, age – full, residence Vermontville R F D  
Anna M. Wells, widow, age – full, residence Vermontville  
Hazel Rickle, dau, age – full, residence Vermontville  
Leola A. Vincent, dau, age – full, residence Lansing 1712 Delevan Ave  
Violetta M. Purdy, dau, age – full, residence Vermontville

Crawford Family Papers; privately held by Marcia Philbrick, Seneca, Kansas, 2016.  
Eaton County Michigan Probate file for Clayton H. Wells. photocopy.

Wells (Vt. 027)

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF EATON

In the Matter of the Estate of Clayton H. Wells, Deceased

I, Anna M. Wells, of Vermontville, in said county, do hereby certify that I am the widow of said deceased, and am interested in said estate and make this petition as Widow and as beneficiary of said deceased.

I further represent that said deceased died on the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1931, leaving no last will and testament, and I am informed and believe.

I further represent that said deceased was, at the time of his death, an inhabitant of the township of Vermontville, in said county.

and I further represent that the assets of said deceased are as follows: cash, \$ 10,000.00; and I further represent that the assets of said deceased are as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	RESIDENCE
Carl H. Wells	son	21	Vermontville, M. D.
Anna M. Wells	widow	45	" "
Harold Rickle	son	18	" "
Leslie A. Vincent	son	15	Lawrenceville, Delavan Ave.
William H. Perry	son	12	Vermontville

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I therefore pray that the administration of said estate be granted to Boyer Rickle, of said county, or to some other suitable person.

Anna M. Wells  
 P.O. Vermontville

State of Michigan  
 County of Eaton

On this twentieth day of March, A.D. 1931  
 before me personally appeared the above named petitioner, who being duly sworn says,  
 that she  
 has read the foregoing petition by her signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of her own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be upon her information and belief, and as to those matters she believes it to be true.

Jessie G. Stine  
 Notary Public, Eaton County, Michigan  
 My commission expires Feb. 3rd, 1935

No. 10-291-7671  
 State of Michigan  
 Probate Court  
 for the County of Eaton  
 Estate of  
 Clayton H. Wells, Deceased  
 Petition for  
 Appointment of Administrator  
 Filed: March 20 A.D. 1931  
 Jessie G. Stine  
 Register of Probate  
 Not [vt Echo]  
 Hearing Apr 17

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Joseph Miller  
George Sebastian  
James Davis